ECCC geared up for spring

By Marty Stamper
staff writer

DECATUR — Last spring was not a happy one for the East Central Community College baseball team. Not only did the Warriors go 19-27 on the diamond, but 14-year Warrior head coach Jamie Clark was slowly losing his battle with an inoperable brain tumor as well.

The Warriors hope this spring is a much more enjoyable one.

ECCC opens its season today at Livingston, Ala., with a single game with Shelton State. First pitch is set for 5 p.m.

"Coming off a losing season, we're trying to turn it around," said new head coach Jake Yarborough, a former player and assistant coach under Clark. "A lot of things went wrong last year. Everything went wrong ... coach Clark passing away and having a poor year.

"We're trying to get back on a winning tradition. I feel pretty good about a number of the freshmen we've brought in. We have a lot more depth this year than we had last year. We've got a lot more guys competing for positions, which makes them all work harder."

Adam McCurdy and Chad Loper are expected to see time at first base with Jake Nester and Dee Hornesburger (.233, 9 2B, 12 RBIs in 2001) battling for the second base position.

At shortstop are Nester and Josh Chaney (.289, 4 2B, 4 3B, 13 RBIs) with Justin Darby slated to start at third base.

Top outfielders are Timothy Fieber, Lewis Bradford (.289, 6 2B, 8 HR, 27 RBIs), Jarrod Vaughn, and William Mars.

Joey Holcomb gets the nod behind the plate.

The pitching staff consists of Jason Wooten (4-3, 2.44 ERA), Aaron Gisler, Corey Blackwell (0-1, 4.62), Chris Comans (2-2, 4.34), Brian Spillers, Alex Shephard, Nick Singleton, Corey Amis (2-6, 4.40), Michael Holifield, Vaughn, Loper, Darby, and Mars.

Completing the roster are Jason Massey (2B), Daniel Russell (2B-OF), Will Baskin (C), Mike Kulbeth (C), Paul Brown (OF), Jamie Ellington (INF), Ty Culpepper (1B-C), and Tyler Rogers (1B-OF).

"We're real excited about getting out there and playing against other competition instead of practicing and scrimmaging," Yarborough said.

"Depth is our biggest strength. We have more speed than we had last year. Pitching is still in the air. We've always had a good pitching staff here and I feel like we've got a lot of guys that we can put on the bump. They'll get out there and compete and throw strikes.

"Hitting-wise, offense is a big question. We've got to put run support up and give our guys a chance on the mound. Our defense is pretty solid, but the run support is what we're going to have to do this year."

ECCC scored only 200 runs in 2001, an average of 4.3 per game.

The Warriors had a 3.74 team ERA last spring, but were hampered by an anemic .269 team batting average.

Bradford swiped 12 bases in 16 attempts, while Hornesburger had nine steals in 15 tries. Chaney was 12 of 13.

Chaney also had a .936 fielding percentage at third base, while Hornesburger had a .951 percentage at second base.

WARRIOR FACTS

ECCC

Head Coach: Jake Yarborough, first year
Assistant Coach: Patrick Robey
2001: 19-27 overall, 9-15 MACJC South Division
Starters Return/Lost: 7/4
Key returnees: Josh Chaney (SS), Lewis Bradford (OF), Dee Hornesburger (2B), Jason Wooten (P), Chris Comans (P), Corey Amis (P), Corey Blackwell (P)

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ECCC Hosts Second Annual Business, Education & Health Expo

DECATUR--Area employers in search of potential employees should mark their calendars for Tuesday, March 26, 2002, when East Central Community College holds its second annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo on the Decatur campus.

College officials anticipate that interest in the event, scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, will exceed last year's numbers. "We had a great response for our first Expo and we hope to have even more participation this year," said Sylvia Bush, event organizer who serves as work-based learning coordinator at the College's Workforce Development Center. She encourages companies to participate in this year's event.

"The Expo provides an excellent opportunity for businesses and industries to market their companies to prospective employees. Companies are also able to target students who have specific skills needed for employment and can meet with those students while visiting their booths. In addition, participants have an opportunity to publicize their products and services –at no cost, since there is no charge for exhibit space," Bush said.

Bush said there were 60 participants who set up booths last year, representing not only local businesses and industries but those in Jackson, Hattiesburg, Laurel, the Delta and other areas of the state. Approximately 670 ECCC students attended the Expo in search of employment or other educational opportunities.

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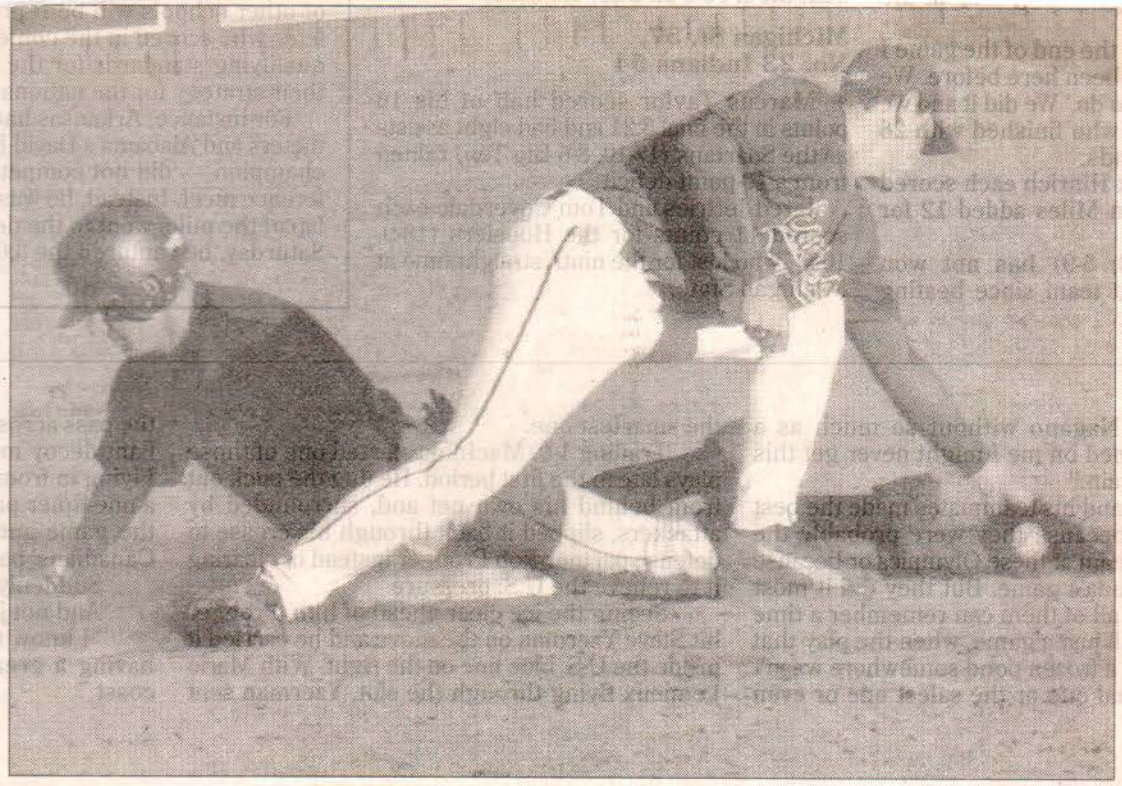
By Jeff Byrd
staff writer



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ECCC downs EMCC

By Ryan Satcher/staff writer
Feb. 24, 2002

What a difference a day makes. On Friday East Central Community lost to Jones Junior College and East Mississippi took a big win over the Eagles of Meridian Community College.

On Saturday the results changed for both teams as East Central took an 8-7 extra-inning win over the Lions of East Mississippi in the second day of the Rush Classic at Scaggs Field on the campus of Meridian Community College.

The Warriors blew a 7-2 lead in the final two innings, but came back to put a run on the board and take the win.

"We could have folded but we bounced back and pulled it through," said East Central coach Jake Yarborough. "It wasn't a really well played game, but there was a lot of pressure and we needed that early in the year. I think it will help us out later on down the road."

The Lions took an early lead in the second inning when J.D. Harbour started the inning with a single. Chase Spencer then hit what looked like a double-play ball but the pitcher fielded the ball and threw wild to second allowing the runner to move to third. Ashley Chism missed a squeeze bunt to get Harbour tagged out, but Spencer hustled all the way from first base to third base during the rundown. Chism made up for the mistake by grounding to second and getting the run in to make the score 1-0.

East Central tied the game up in the top of the third inning. Jake Nester got on with a single and stole second base. Timothy Fieber followed with a groundball to first base. The pitcher was late covering and the runner beat the toss to first. The pitcher then turned and threw the ball trying to get the runner going home. Nester was safe at home as the throw sailed over the catcher's head and to the fence. The run tied the game 1-1.

The Lions took back the lead in the bottom of the third. Wade Whitaker got a two-out single and scored when Chad Carlson's fly to right was dropped for a three-base error. The Lions stranded Perry at third but took the 2-1 lead.

East Central exploded for four runs in the fifth inning. Nester reached on an error. Fieber followed with a single that scored Nester from

second. Tyler Rogers followed with a high fly to left field. The leftfielder lost the ball off of the bat and Roger ended up with an unusual RBI triple. Chad Loper knocked in Rogers with a double to make the score 4-2. Adam McCurdy singled in Loper to give East Central a 5-2 lead after five innings of play.

The Warriors added another run in the sixth when Nester scored on a hit by Rogers. They expanded their lead to 7-2 in the seventh inning when Dee Hornsburger doubled and stole third. The throw to third went into the outfield and Hornsburger was able to score easily.

East Mississippi started a come back in the eighth by scoring four runs. Whitaker got a bunt single to start the rally. Two walks and a hit batter loaded the bases. Harbour walked to allow Whitaker to score and make the score 7-3. A wild pitch brought in Carlson and a single by Chism brought in two more runs and made the score 7-6.

The Lions tied up the game in the ninth. Pinch hitter Kent Lewis started the inning off with a single. He stole second to get into scoring position. Then Drew Powell hit a pop-up that looked like would end the game. The fielder dropped the ball and allowed Lewis to score and tie the game up. The next batter got out and the Lions stranded runners at first and third.

East Central scored to take the lead for good in the 10th when pinch hitter Josh Chaney tripled and scored on a wild pitch. The Lions threatened in the bottom of the 10th but a baserunning mistake cut down one runner and another runner was stranded at second.

"We gave them too many extra outs," said Lion coach Bill Baldner. "I was proud we got ourselves back into the game after being down, though."

East Central moves to 2-4 on the season while the Lions fall to 3-4. East Central will play Meridian Community College at 3 p.m. today and East Mississippi will play Jones Junior College at Noon.

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DECATUR--For the first time since the 1988 campaign, the East Central Community College baseball team will take the field with a new leader at the helm.

Former assistant Jake Yarborough now leads the Diamond Warriors, who were guided by Jamie Clark for 14 seasons until a brain tumor cut short his life last summer. Clark, who died at age 49, amassed a 365-302-1 record at East Central. His 1998 Diamond Warriors captured the team's first state title. Although Coach Clark is no longer a part of ECCC baseball, his presence will be felt through Yarborough's leadership.

"We obviously miss Coach Clark very much. Although he is not here, we plan to continue what he established for the East Central baseball program, meaning that we basically do things the old-fashioned way. We still consider ourselves 'blue-collar' workers; nothing is given to us and we have to work hard for what we get. I often remind players how important it is to out-work our opponents. So we try to instill the same work ethic as Coach Clark, and will continue to follow his style of coaching, which obviously proved to be successful," Yarborough said.

Coach Clark also expected team members to do well in academics. Yarborough said he intents to continue Clark's expectations for the team on the field and also in the classroom.

"Our guys are expected to go to class and to present themselves well as

ing. I know Coach Clark would also be pleased," Yarborough said.

In recognition of Clark's service to East Central, the College dedicated "Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium" during a ceremony Monday, February 18, prior to the Diamond Warriors' first home game of the 2002 campaign. Clark's jersey was retired during the special program. His widow, Audrey Clark, threw out the first pitch to officially start East Central's double-header with East Mississippi Community College.

The Diamond Warriors, who finished 19-27 in 2001, should be much improved this season, according to their new head coach.

"We had a great fall and practice has gone well. Players are a lot stronger this year, as indicated by various strength and conditioning tests. We are also a lot quicker. This team has more depth than last year; we are two-deep in every position. I think we'll provide more run support for our pitching staff, something we did not do last year. Overall, we should see a big improvement from 2001.This team is hungry to win; I can see it in their eyes," Yarborough said.

Among top returnees this season include outfielder Lewis Bradford, a product of Scott Central High School; infielder Josh Chaney of Newton County High School; and shortstop/outfielder Dee Hornesburger of Noxapater.

Bradford batted .289, hit eight home runs, six doubles and collected 27 RBIs. His coach expects

defensive player. He can play shortstop, second base or the outfield. He's the type guy you want to play in the middle of the defense. Last year his fielding percentage at third base and behind the plate was .936, which is very high. We're anticipating another solid defensive performance from Josh, who will start at either third base or second base," Yarborough said.

Hornesburger hit .233 with nine doubles. He collected 12 RBIs and drew 11 walks.

"Dee had a .951 fielding percentage last year at second base. He will also be positioned in the middle of the defense this year. He can also play outfield," Yarborough said.

Adam McCurdy of Morton is also listed as a top returnee.

"Adam is mainly a defensive player but we also expect him to produce at the plate. He'll see some time at first base," Yarborough said.

Regarding the pitching staff, Yarborough said he anticipates another successful year from Jason Wooten of Lake, the team's top returning hurler.

Wooten had a 2.44 ERA and posted a 4-3 record with one save. His opponents' batting average was .205.

"Jason is mainly a finesse pitcher. He's gained a little velocity this year, and he can change speeds to get the batter out," Yarborough noted.

Another returning ace is Corey Amis, a product of Newton County High School.

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just baseball players. Coach Clark stressed the importance of making good grades and made it a point to recognized players who achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average. Speaking of grades, I'm especially pleased that the team has an overall 2.9 GPA, which is outstand-

3 innings. His opponents' batting average was just .201.

"Corey is basically a power pitcher; he's got velocity and a real good breaking ball. He has also developed an effective change-up. In addition, he is a lot bigger and stron-

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ger this year, and we expect great things from him this spring," Yarborough said.

Chris Comans of Newton will also be a vital part of the pitching rotation. Comans posted a 4.34 ERA, and his opponents' batting average was .265. He was 2-2 overall and had one save.

"Chris worked hard this fall and we are counting on him to have a successful season on the mound," Yarborough said.

Corey Blackwell of Nanih Waiya will also be a key ingredient in the pitching mix.

"Corey's ERA last year was 4.62 and he limited opposing hitters to a .197 batting average. His record was 0-1 but his three saves led the team. Corey has good control and keeps the ball down," Yarborough said.

Yarborough also anticipates a productive offensive performance, and mentioned several players who were effective in fall practice. At the top of the list is freshman Jake Nester, a freshman shortstop/second baseman from Lake.

"Jake was our leading hitter in the fall, posting a .419 batting average with two doubles and one home run. Other top hitters were Jarrod Vaughn of Louisville, Joey Holcomb of Locust Fork High School in Alabama, Justin Darby of Union and Chad Loper of Chatom, Alabama," he said.

Serving as Yarborough's assistant is Patrick Robey, a former coach and player at Delta State University.

"Patrick has done an outstanding job for us. His primarily responsibility is working with infielders but he also helps in other areas. He knows what it takes to win, having been a part of winning program at DSU," Yarborough said.

The complete 2002 roster includes the following: shortstop/outfielder Dee Hornesburger and catcher Will Baskin, both of Noxapater; outfielder Tommy Fieber, Neshoba Central; pitcher Jason Wooten, second baseman Jacob Massey and shortstop/second baseman Jake Nester, all of Lake; second baseman/outfielder Daniel Russell, Newton County Academy; outfielder Lewis Bradford, Scott Central; third baseman/second baseman Josh Chaney, and pitchers Corey Amis and Michael Holifield, all of Newton County; pitcher/second baseman Corey Blackwell, Nanih Waiya; pitcher/outfielder Brian Spillers, Mangham (La.) High School; catcher Mike Kulbeth, Westminister (La.) Academy; pitcher Alex Shepard, Sebastopol; outfielder/pitcher Jarrod Vaughn and first baseman/outfielder Tyler Rogers, both of Louisville; outfielder Paul Brown, Forest; infielder Jamie Ellington, Kosciusko; third baseman/pitcher Justin Darby, Union; outfielder/pitcher William Mars and first baseman/catcher Ty Culpepper, both of Philadelphia; pitcher/outfielder/ first baseman Chad Loper, Chatom, Ala.; pitcher Chris Comans, Newton; pitcher Nick Singleton, Robert E. Lee (Ala.) High School; first baseman/pitcher Adam McCurdy, Morton; catcher Joey Holcomb, Locust Fork (Ala.) High School; and pitcher/first baseman Aaron Gisler, Springdale, Ark.

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DIAMOND WARRIORS - These student-athletes from Newton County are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 2002 campaign. Seated from left are third baseman/second baseman Josh Chaney and pitcher Michael Holifield, both of Newton County High School and second baseman/outfielder Daniel Russell of Newton County Academy. Standing from left are pitcher Corey Amis of Newton County, pitcher Chris Comans of Newton and third baseman/pitcher Justin Darby of Union. the Diamond Warriors are led by first year head coach Jake Yarborough. (EC Photo)

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EC blanked twice at PRCC

Pearl River swept East Central in South Division doubleheader baseball action at Poplarville Saturday, winning both games 10-0 via the 10-run rule.

by Marty Stamper

The sweep was highlighted by sophomore Jered Salazar's no-hitter in the first game. Salazar, a righthander from Lafayette, La., who recently signed with LSU after transferring to PRCC from Bossier Parish, pitched five perfect innings to improve to 4-1. He struck out four and walked only one.

Chris Thompson (4-2) picked up the win in the nightcap. The righthan-der pitched four innings, striking out three and walking only one. Neal Cannon relieved in the fifth.

In the first game, PRCC finished off the Warriors in the second inning with a six-run barrage, then added solo runs in the third and fourth and a pair of runs in the fifth to end the game.

The Wildcats finished the game with eight hits, all singles.

Jason Wooten was the losing pitcher in his two innings on the mound. He struck out two, walked one, and hit four batters before Alex Shephard relieved in the third. Shephard struck out one, walked two, and also hit four batters.

In the nightcap, Pearl River put the Warriors away in the first inning going up 3-0, including back-to-back home runs by Eric Adkins and Jeff Middleton.

PRCC then padded its lead with four more runs in the second. The Wildcats scored their final three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Thompson pitched three perfect innings before Lewis Bradford beat out a bunt single in the fourth for EC's first hit of the afternoon.

EC starter Aaron Gisler took the loss in going 1 2/3 innings, striking out three and walking one. Corey Blackwell relieved in the second, striking out two, walking one, and hitting one batter.

Adkins paced PRCC's 11-hit attack with a home run and two singles, while Brett Harris had two singles.

Bradford, Joey Holcomb, and Jarrod Vaughn each had a single to account for EC's three hits.

East Central Comm. College Sports Calendar

Sport	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Baseball	March 20	Copiah-Lincoln (DH)	Home	2:00
Golf	March 20	Jones Tournament	Hattiesburg	TBA
Tennis	March 21	Hinds	Home	2:00
Baseball	March 23	Southwest (DH)	Home	1:00
Softball	March 23	Copiah-Lincoln (DH)	Home	11:00
Softball	March 25	Pearl River (DH)	Away	1:30
Tennis	March 26	Hinds	Away	2:00
Baseball	March 27	Rockingham, N.C. (DH)		Home 1:00
Softball	March 27	Gulf Coast (DH)	Home	1:30
Tennis	March 28	Southwest	Home	1:00
Baseball	March 29	Hinds (DH)	Home	1:00

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NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL baseball standout Brent McMillan has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. McMillan, a 6-foot, 175 pound pitcher, owns a 4-2 mark at this writing and has a 3.9 earned run average. He recorded 48 strikeouts through 28 innings on the mound in helping lead the Tigers to a 8-3 record. McMillan was an All-District selection following the 2001 campaign and was named on the Taylorsville/Raleigh All Tournament Team. Joining the future Diamond Warrior at a recent signing ceremony were (seated from left) his parents, Connie and Joe McMillan, and (standing from left) Tiger head baseball coach Eddie Pierce and ECCC assistant baseball coach Patrick Robey.

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ECCC DIAMOND WARRIORS: Above are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 2002 campaign. Kneeling from left are manager Jason Eaves, NanihWaiya; shortstop/outfielder Dee Hornesburger and catcher Will Baskin, both of Noxapater; pitcher/outfielder Brian Spillers, Mangham (La.) High School; shortstop/second baseman Jake Nester, Lake; second baseman/outfielder Daniel Russell, Newton County Academy; outfielder/pitcher Jarrod Vaughn, Louisville; and Manager Charleene Foreman, Newton County. Seated from left are manager Brian Newell, Clarkdale; outfielder Paul Brown, Forest; pitcher Jason Wooten, Lake; third baseman/second baseman Josh Chaney, Newton County; pitcher/second baseman Corey Blackwell, Nanih Waiya; second baseman Jason Massey, Lake; pitcher/third baseman Aaron Gisler, Springdale (AR) High School; and infielder Jamie Ellington, Kosciusko. Third row, from left, are Patrick Robey, assistant coach; pitcher Nick Singleton, Robert E. Lee (AL) High School; first baseman/outfielder Tyler Rogers, Louisville; catcher Mike Kulbeth, Westminister (LA) Academy; catcher Joey Holcomb, Locust Fork (AL) High School; pitcher Michael Holifield, Newton County; outfielder Timothy Fieber, Neshoba Central; outfielder Lewis Bradford, Scott Central; and Kake Yarborough, head coach. Top row, from left, are outfielder/pitcher William mars, Philadelphia; third baseman/pitcher Justin Darby, Union; pitcher Alex Shepard, Sebastopol; pitcher/outfielder/first baseman Chad Loper, Chatom (AL) High School; first baseman/pitcher Adam McCurdy, Morton; pitcher Chris Comans, Newton; and pitcher Corey Amis, Newton County. (EC Photo)

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Holley signs with EC

Photo by Travis Mitchell

Philadelphia senior pitcher Hunter Holley has signed to continue his baseball career at East Central Community College. Seated: Linda-Holley; Hunter Holley. Standing: Guy Holley.

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LOCAL SPORTS

East Mississippi Lady Lions eye first place, host role

From staff reports
April 17, 2002

The East Mississippi Lady Lions are sitting in first place in the Mississippi Junior College North Division standings.

Coach Pam Moore's team is 12-2 in league action. They head to Mississippi Delta for two games on Thursday.

"We're going to finish no worse than second. Northeast is a game behind us and Itawamba is a game behind them," Moore said.

If the Lady Lions win the North Division, they will earn the right to host the State and Region 23 Softball Tournament. The problem is, finding a spot for it.

"We would like to be in Meridian but they are hosting the Gulf South Conference Tournament at the Northeast Complex. Right now, we're looking at few sites in the Starkville area.. We'd love to play at Mississippi State, but I don't know if that's a possibility," Moore added.

— Jeff Byrd

Years to forget

The East Central Community College Warriors fell to 9-24 and lost their 11th straight baseball game with Monday's 4-3 loss to East Mississippi for the Judge's Cup at Scooba.

East Mississippi improved to 12-25 with the win and took the year's series from the Warriors three games to one.

With eight games remaining, the Warriors are well on the way to their worst season since the 1987 team went 3-29 the year prior to Jamie Clark's arrival at Decatur. Clark's first team went 17-25 in 1988.

Meridian Community College fell to 16-22 in losing two of its three games to Delgado Community College last weekend in New Orleans.

— Marty Stamper

ECCC tough time

The East Central CC Warrior baseball team is on a bad end of long slide. The Warriors dropped their 11th straight game on Monday night falling to East Mississippi in the Judge's Cup 4-3 on a bottom of the ninth single by Josh Snider.

East Central is now 9-24 on the season. It's last two losses have come on game-ending RBI hits.

— Jeff Byrd

Glaze known here

Jones Junior College head baseball coach Bobby Glaze is in his 12th season with the Bobcats. He graduated from Newton High School in 1971 and played at now-defunct Clarke College in Newton before continuing his career at Mississippi College where he was selected Most Valuable Player. Glaze coached five years at Newton and 10 at R.H. Watkins High School in Laurel. His prep record for the 15 years was 184-152.

— Marty Stamper

Oswalt hurled

Houston Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt pitched two years at Holmes Community College and appeared in the Region 23 Division I Tournament at Meridian Community College.

— Marty Stamper

Women staying put

Salina, Kan., has been chosen to host the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship three more years after its current contract expires in 2003.

Bryan, Texas, and Northeastern Colorado also bid for the event.

— Marty Stamper

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WEEK OF May 13, 2002

Carey signs with ECCC Baseball Team

Newton County's Robby Carey will continue his athletic career as a member of the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Carey, a 5-foot-9, 150-pound catcher/outfielder/third baseman, batted .404 and hit 18 doubles, two home runs and one triple for the Cougars who finished the 2002 campaign with a 20-15 record. Carey also collected 38 RBIs. Honors include his selection for the School of Hard Knocks Award, Golden Glove Award, Cougar Award, the .300 Club and All-Star. Pictured with Carey are (standing from left) his parents, Donna and Robert Gregory of Decatur; Wyatt Tullos, Cougar head baseball coach; and Jake Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach. (EC Photo)

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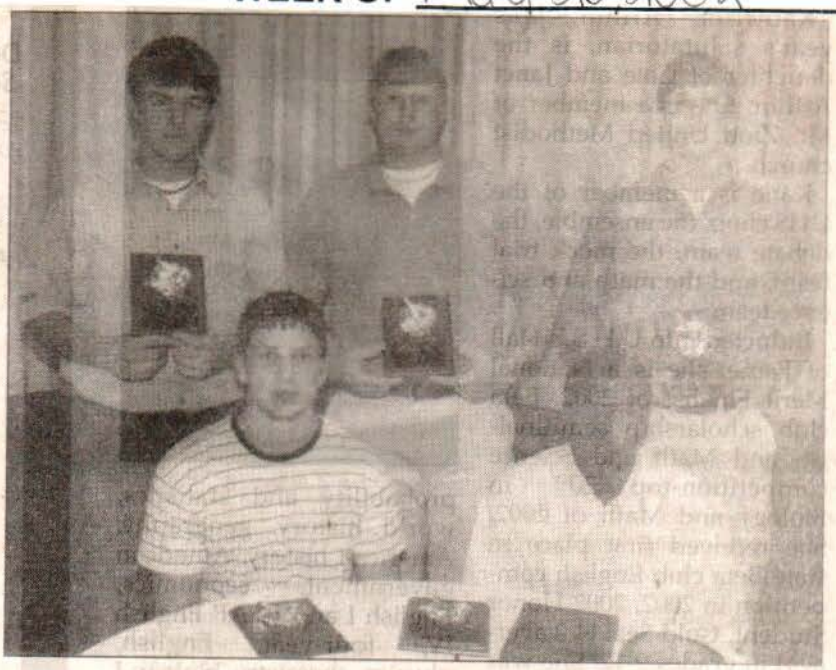
WEEK OF May 20, 2002

ECCC Baseball Award Winners

Members of the East Central Community College baseball team who received honors following the 2002 campaign are (seated from left) Lewis Bradford of Scott Central, most valuable player, and Dee Hornesburger of Noxapater, most valuable offensive player, All-Region 23 and All-State. Standing from left are Joey Holcomb of Trafford, Ala., most valuable defensive player; Alex Shepard of Sebastopol, most improved; and Justin Darby of Union, "Exemplary Player of the Year." The Warriors finished the 2002 season with a 9-33 mark. (EC Photo)



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TUNE SIGNS WITH ECCC

Newton High School's Jeremy Tune recently signed on to play baseball next season with the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Tune, an outfielder, had an All-Distict season this year at Newton. He also recieved the Tigers' Golden Glove Award. He is shown here during the signing ceremony with his parents, Debbie and Stweart Tune, and (standing from left) Tiger head baseball coach Eddie Pierce and ECCC assistant baseball coach Patrick Robey.

Irons set as ECCC golf door prize

A set of Titleist 762 irons awaits one participant in the East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic scheduled for Saturday, June 22 on the Azalea course at the award-winning Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort near Philadelphia.

The set of irons — a $400 value — is the grand door prize for the event, sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association and being held to raise scholarship funds for students planning to attend the two-year college in Decatur. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three teams in the four-person scramble, which gets underway at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the Azalea course. A trophy will also be awarded to the winning corporate team.

Entry fee is $125 per person and includes green fee, golf cart, tournament T-shirt, a box lunch and the opportunity to win additional door prizes. A reception for tournament sponsors and participants concludes the day's activities.

For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth, Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 38327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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East Central Community College baseball coach Jake Yarborough now has signed 19 players and is optimistic that the new group coming in will help his ball club.

"Our hitting should be much improved with this group," Yarborough said. "We have struggled this last year or two offensively, but we are really going to stress hitting with this bunch. We have to get the small stuff at the plate done."

The signees include four players who were involved in recent all-star baseball games.

Robby Carey of Newton County High is a catcher coming in for the Warriors. Jacob Davis is expected to improve the team speed. The shortstop from Biloxi also hit around .370 last season.

Michael Dunn is expected to work out at third. He batted over .400 last season with Pascagoula. Jim Tally of Mooreville will hopefully give the Warriors another good arm. He was 19-0 at Class 2A State Champion Mooreville High.

Yarborough also has some very talented players within the district that he expects to help the team improve.

Hunter Holly of Philadelphia is signed, as is Brent McMillan and Jeremy Tune of Newton High and outfielders Gabe Snow and Kentay Eiland of Louisville.

Wes Turner and Jacob Townsend, both of Neshoba Central, will play ball for the Warriors. Turner is a shortstop/pitcher while Townsend will work at catcher.

Van Wilson, an outfielder from West Lauderdale is signed as well as Drew McGhee of Water Valley. Chris Middleton is a right-handed pitcher signed from Vicksburg. Destin Moore of Kosciusko is a first baseman/outfielder while Jonathan Sigriss of Scott Central is also signed. Drew Kenna of Forest will work at third and first.

The lone out-of-state signee is Dexter Spellers from Louisiana.

Along with improving hitting, Yarborough expects the signees to help on defense.

"Our defense was solid last year, but the new arms will just improve on that," said Yarborough.

"This is a good group, but the question is how hard can they work," he said. "We are really going to push ourselves in the offseason. The fall is an important time and we are going to work hard and take no shortcuts."

ECCC to host cheerleading camp

From special reports

Area cheerleaders will have an opportunity to learn the latest cheers, chants and dance routines by attending the annual East Central Community College Cheerleader Camp scheduled July 8-10 on the Decatur campus.

Instruction for the three-day camp will be provided from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by members of the 2002-2003 ECCC Warrior cheerleading squad.

Cost is $60 per participant.

For more information contact Carrie Underwood, sponsor, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 310.

Her email address is cunderwood@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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WEEK OF July 1, 2002

Forest High School slugger Drew Kenna will continue his athletic career as a member of the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Kenna, a 6-2, 165-pound pitcher/infielder, batted .414 for the Bearcats this past season and had six home runs, eight doubles and two triples. He also scored 36 runs and collected 44 RBIs in helping lead the Diamond Bearcats to the state playoffs and a 17-12 record. He was twice named to the All-County and All-Division teams and was selected the Bearcats' most valuable player for the 2002 campaign. Shown with the baseball standout are (seated) his parents, Lynne and Joey Kenna of Forest, and (standing from left) Allan Atkison, FHS head baseball coach, and Jake Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach. The new Diamond Warrior is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Chapman of Newton. (ECCC photo)

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WEEK OF Sept 16, 2002

East Central splits pair on the pitch

Freshman midfielder John Theobald scored three goals and led East Central Community College to a 4-1 victory over Itawamba Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

Theobald's first goal came on a penalty kick at the 38:50 mark in the second half and tied the contest at 1-1.

The Warriors, who improved to 2-1-1 under fourth-year head coach Kenneth Thompson, took the lead for good on Theobald's second goal, which came on a corner kick at the 38:11 mark. Freshman forward Ricky Archuleta was credited with an assist.

Theobald's final goal came on a free kick at the 31:40 mark and was aided by an assist from sophomore Johnathan Shoemaker.

Freshman defender Chuck Holmes scored the Warriors' final goal at the 1:30 mark.

Itawamba's Daniel Tift scored his team's only goal at the 28:17 mark in first half action. Jeremy Cunningham was credited with an assist.

In last week's action, East Central fell 3-1 to Hinds on Sept. 11 in Raymond.

Beau Theobald scored for East Central.

The Warriors are scheduled to travel to Pearl River on Saturday, Sept. 21, for a 1 p.m. match on the Poplarville campus. East Central will be guests of Meridian Community College at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25.

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WEEK OF 21 Jan 02

EC falls to SWCC 82 - 80

The stage was set for a dramatic overtime finish for East Central Community College's Warriors, but Corey Hornsby's three-pointer rimmed out as time expired, allowing Southwest Mississippi Community to escape with an 82-80 South Division victory Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood gym.

East Central, which fell to 4-8 overall and 0-3 in league play, had rallied from an early 22-5 deficit and trailed 44-29 at the break. But the Warriors, who never led in the matchup, kept battling back and knotted the score at 74-74 at the end of regulation on Hornby's baseline jumper with eight seconds remaining.

Although disappointed in the outcome, first-year head coach Billy Smith was pleased with his team's effort.

"I was real proud of the way the guys fought back," Smith told reporters in a post-game interview. "We had chances to win at the end; it just didn't go in. The kids played hard."

Hornsby, a 6-5 freshman forward, led all scorers with 36 points, 28 of which came in second half action. Also scoring were James Denson of Choctaw Central, 12; Winfred Craig of Louisville, 10; Demario Qualls of Newton, six; Maurice English of Union, Will Florence of North Delta and Donzel Crenshaw, four each; and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two each.

Brandon Griffin had 20 points to lead Southwest, which improved to 10-2 and 2-1.

In women's action, the Lady Warriors were unable to maintain their nine-point halftime advantage over the Southwest women and were outscored 64-55.

The EC women, who dropped their fourth-straight contest, fell to 7-5 overall and 1-2 in division play under first-year head mentor Brad Hodge.

"The bottom line is we've got to make shots and free throws. They did everything else we asked them to do. I can't fault them for their effort; they played hard. Even with a minute to go and down four, we still felt like we had a chance. We've just got to convert," Hodge said.

Sophomore guard Nikki LaCour was the leading scoring for East Central with 17 points. Other point makers were Christina Ford of Enterprise, 11; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, seven; Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, five; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville and Shelley Giddings, four each; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, three; and Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central and Ashley Brown of Scott Central, two each.

Nakia Dowing had 22 points for the Lady Bears who improved to 9-3 and 2-1. The Lady Warriors led 29-20 at halftime.

East Central squads will be on the road Tuesday, January 22, in another division matchup at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

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WEEK OF 21 Jan 02

ECCC splits two with Pearl River

By Marty Stamper
staff writer

DECATUR - If the fact that the East Central Community College Lady Warriors lost to Pearl River Thursday night wasn't bad enough, it was the way in which they came up on the short end of a 77-75 score that had ECCC coach Brad Hodge most displeased.

"We had the game right in our hands and did everything we wanted to do the whole game," Hodge said. "Then we didn't play with any poise for the last five minutes."

The ECCC men salvaged a split by beating the Wildcats 94-81 to snap a five-game losing streak.

In the women's game, Pearl River led nearly all of the first half before a basket by Nikki LaCour with three seconds showing sent the Lady Warriors into halftime with a 35-34 advantage.

"They came out on fire, but we knew they couldn't sustain that," Hodge said. "Finally, we took control and put ourself in position where we wanted to be at the half."

A 15-0 run put ECCC up 57-46 with 11:40 remaining. LaCour scored seven points during the run with Lori Cumberland and Shelly Giddings each hitting a 3-pointer.

The Lady Warriors led 61-50 with 8:49 to go only to turn the ball over on their next four possessions. Pearl River trimmed its deficit to 61-58 over that span with 6:28 still showing.

"We had no poise," Hodge said. "Four or five offensive fouls were called and that's just stupidity. You can blame poor officiating if you're a player, but that's just stupidity. I thought they were cheap calls, but that's the game. Maybe (Pearl River coach) Ed (Walley) thought he got some cheap calls too.

"If we step up and make free throws and don't turn the ball over in the last five minutes, the offensive fouls don't matter."

ECCC still led 69-64 with four minutes remaining.

Pearl River pulled even at 73-73 with 1:29 left on a 3-pointer from Audosha Kelly. Kelly added two free throws 20 seconds later and the Lady Wildcats never trailed again.

LaCour, who led the Lady Warriors with 22 points, fouled out with 44.8 seconds left as did Ashley Brown, the team's only remaining true center, 30 seconds later.

The Lady Warriors got the ball back with 4.3 seconds left after Ykeisha Gray missed two free throws that would have iced the win, but Giddings' shot at a game-winning 3-pointer hit the back of the iron and bounced away.

"There was no way we could have gone to overtime," Hodge said of his team's foul troubles. "We didn't want to go to overtime. We wanted to win then."

The Lady Warriors also got 18 points from Christina Ford, 12 from Cumberland, nine from Giddings, and six from Brown.

The Lady Warriors fell to 8-6 overall and 2-3 in the MACJC South Division. To have a chance to defend their Region 23 championship, they'll have to first qualify for the state tournament which will take the top four teams from the North and South Divisions.

"I won't say if we had won it would have guaranteed us a berth (in the state tournament), but it would have put us in a good spot," Hodge said. "We would have been tied for second place.

"It just puts pressure on every game now just to get a chance to get in there. Rather than fighting for a higher seed, now we've got to fight just for an opportunity to get in."

Pearl River (10-3 and 4-1) got 21 points from Kelly, 20 from Jessica Welborne, and 10 from Dee Flennory. The Lady Wildcats were 29-of-43 at the free-throw line, while ECCC was 24-of-33.

ECCC men	**94**
Pearl River	**81**

The Warriors snapped a five-game losing streak with their win over Wildcats. ECCC carried a 48-33 lead into halftime and led by as many as 18 points on several occasions in the second half.

Pearl River, which is down to only seven players, rallied to within 90-79 with 2:33 remaining, but could get no closer.

"We needed a win," ECCC coach Bill Smith said. "It had gotten to the point where we didn't know if we could win one or not. Fortunately, we came out tonight and shot the ball a lot better than we had been shooting it and it kinda got contagious."

The Warriors improved to 5-9 overall and 1-4 in the MACJC South Division. Corey Hornsby and Winfred Craig combined to hit 10 3-pointers and score 52 points to lead ECCC. Hornsby had four 3s and tallied 28 points. Craig hit six 3s and finished with 24 points. James Denson added 17 points with Kevin Bobbitt tossing in eight.

Pearl River (6-7, 1-4) got a game-high 34 points from Yandall Brown, 17 from Keesler Johnson, and 10 from Ty Lindon.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ECCC rallies past Jones

By Shawn Wansley
staff writer

ELLISVILLE — Jones Junior College held a 58-57 lead over the East Central Community Lady Warriors with 5:54 remaining here Tuesday night at the Bobcat Gymnasium.

But it was all East Central from there on out as the Lady Warriors posted a 74-63 victory.

"We just made some plays down the stretch," said ECCC coach Brad Hodge. "Jones gave us a battle, like I knew they would. They're like us, they've been struggling since Christmas at 0-3. But we stepped up when had to tonight."

In the men's game, Jones took a 76-64 win.

JCJC women's coach Sandra Sumrall said her team was in position to win, but could not convert.

"We just couldn't make shots when it counted," she said. "That's the bottom line. We've got a lot of young kids and we took it to them, but we just couldn't finish the job."

East Central got off to a solid start, leading 14-3 six minutes deep into the game. But JCJC steadily chipped into the deficit and took a 34-33 lead with 37 seconds left in the half on a Brittany Sumrall 15-footer. The game was knotted 35-35 at the break.

There were seven lead changes in the second half, but the Lady Warriors went up for good with 5:32 left when Lori Cumberland scored to make it 59-58. That started a 15-0 Lady Warrior run which put the game away.

Nikki Lacour topped East Central with 24 points. Cumberland and Christina Ford added nine each.

"Nikki is the heart and soul of our team," Hodge said. "She kept us in it until some others stepped up. And Ashley Brown worked her rear off inside for us."

Demesha Chambers paced Jones with 20 points, while Kimberly White added 15 and Sumrall had 8.

East Central, 8-5 overall and 2-2 in South Division play, hosts Pearl River Thursday. Jones, 5-9 overall and 1-4 in the league, goes to Co-Lin Thursday.

Jones men	**76**
East Central	**64**

Nick Page scored 22 points, including five 3-pointers, to pace the Jones Junior College Bobcats to the 12-point win.

"Nick pulled us out tonight," said JCJC coach Robert McInnis of the Bay Springs sophomore. "As a coach, you hate to rely on 3-pointers to win. You want to do the screens and other things to be successful.

"I thought it was a very ugly game, but we won.," he said. "Our team's struggling right now. As a coach, we just have to go back to the salt mines and work harder."

East Central's James Denson scored with 7:01 left in the first half to give the Warriors its final lead of the game at 16-15. JCJC went on a 9-0 run, capped by a lay-in by Rashaune Walters on a lob pass from Marcus Johnson at the 3:57 mark of the first half, making it 24-16. The Bobcats were up 26-20 at halftime.

JCJC was up 44-30 in the middle of the second half when the Warriors rallied. East Central got within 49-46 with 8:16 remaining on a Denson bucket.

But Page nailed back-to-back treys to give the Bobcats a 55-46 lead with 7:13 left. JCJC led twice by as many 15 points in the final minutes before coasting to the victory.

Johnson was the only other Bobcat in double figures with 12 points. Corey Hornsby had 28 points for East Central, while Denson added 12 and Winfred Craig had 10.

JCJC, 7-6 overall and 3-2 in the division, visits Co-Lin Thursday and hosts Meridian Community College Monday at 7 p.m. The Bobcats entertain Delgado (La.) Community College Tuesday in a makeup game, with the women's game starting at 6 p.m.

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East Central Comm. College Sports Calendar

Sport	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Basketball	Jan. 24	Pearl River	Home	6:00
Basketball	Jan. 28	Hinds	Away	6:00
Basketball	Jan. 31	Gulf Coast	Away	6:00
Basketball	Feb. 4	Miss. College JV (men)		Away
6:00				

EC struggles in hoops action

by Marty Stamper

Both the Warriors and Lady Warriors of East Central Community College went 0-2 in last week's basketball action.

Heading into Tuesday's games at Jones, the Warriors were 4-8, while the Lady Warriors held a 7-5 mark. Both had four-game losing streaks.

• **Co-Lin women 72, EC 63:** For the second game in a row, the Lady Warriors dug themselves too deep a hole in the first half to get out of in the Jan. 14 contest at Wesson.

The unbeaten and No. 11 nationally-ranked Lady Wolves improved to 12-0 after taking a 43-21 lead into halftime.

EC fell to 7-4 overall and 1-1 in league play. The Lady Warriors got 20 points from Nikki LaCour, 12 from Christina Ford, seven from Ashley Brown, and six each from Lori Cumberland, Melinda Ben, and Tamekia Foley.

• **Co-Lin men 80, EC 74:** The Wolves snapped a four-game losing streak with the Jan. 14 win at Wesson.

EC fell to 4-7 overall and 0-2 in league competition.

Corey Hornsby led the Warriors with 19 points. Maurice English of Union scored 11, Winfred Craig and Donzel Crenshaw had 10 apiece, Demario Qualls added nine, with James Denson tossing in eight.

The Warriors held a 30-28 advantage at halftime.

• **Southwest women 64, EC 55:** The Lady Warriors got off to a good start as they carried a 29-20 lead into halftime Thursday at Decatur but were outscored 44-26 in the second half as they lost their fourth game in a row.

EC, 7-5, got 17 points from Nikki LaCour, 11 from Christina Ford, and seven from Tamekia Foley.

Makeya Downing led Southwest, 9-3, with 22 points.

• **Southwest men 82, EC 80:** Corey Hornsby's game-winning 3-pointer at the horn in overtime rimmed out as the Warriors fell to 4-8.

EC got off to a horrible start as the Warriors trailed 22-5 with just under seven minutes elapsed.

Southwest took a 44-29 lead into halftime.

Hornsby led the Warriors with a career-high 36 points. EC also got 12 points from James Denson, 10 from Winfred Craig, and six from Demario Qualls.

Southwest, 11-2, got 20 points from Brandon Griffin, 14 from Sam Johnson, and 11 each from Willie Depron and Wesley Haynes.

ECCC's James Denson shoots for the Warriors.

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Co-Lin Teams Sweep ECCC

DECATUR--A second-half rally fell short for East Central Community College's Lady Warriors who lost to undefeated Copiah-Lincoln Community College 72-63 Monday night in South Division competition held on the Wesson campus.

The EC women, whose record dipped to 7-4 overall and 1-1 in league play, trailed by 22 points at the break.

Sophomore Nikki LaCour, a product of Natchoitoches (La.) High School, led the charge with 20 points. Other scorers were Christina Ford of Enterprise, 12; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, seven; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central and Tamekia Foley of Newton County, six each; Shelley Giddings of Philadelphia, Penn., three; Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, two; and Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, one.

The Lady Wolves, who led 43-21 at halftime, improved to 12-0

In men's action, Co-Lin claimed an 80-74 decision and improved to 4-8 overall while the Warriors fell to 4-7 overall and 0-2 in league competition.

Freshman Corey Hornsby of Istrouma (La.) High School, led EC with 19 points. Other point makers were Maurice English of Union, 11; Winfred Craig of Louisville and Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway (Tenn.), High School, 10 each; Demario Qualls of Newton, nine; James Denson of Choctaw Central, eight;

Maweesha Carter of Ft. Payne (Ala.) High School, three; and Will Florence of North Delta and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two each.

The Warriors held a 30-28 advantage at halftime.

In remaining games this week EC teams continue division competition by hosting Southwest Mississippi Community College. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. in the Bracken-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors travel to Jones County Junior College on Tuesday, January 22.

ECCC Offers Cake Decorating Class

DECATUR--A course in cake decorating is being offered this semester at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Gene Davis, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education.

Registration for the seven-week class will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 28, 2002, in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Classes begin Monday, February 4 and continue on successive Mondays through March 18. Joy Munn will serve as instructor. Classes are scheduled to meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Cost is $50 per student. Participants are also required to purchase a cake decorating kit.

For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 278 or 279. The email address is gdavis@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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ECCC Squads Fall At Itawamba

DECATUR–Basketball competition in 2002 began on a disappointing note for East Central Community College teams, as the Lady Warriors and Warriors suffered defeats at Itawamba Community College January 10 on the Fulton campus.

The Lady Warriors were outscored 54-43 while the Warriors fell 73-72.

Sophomores Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches (La.) High School led EC in scoring with 10 points each. Other point makers were Ashley Brown of Scott Central, six; Christina Ford of Enterprise, five; Becky Killen of Sebastopol, four; Belinda Potter of Neville (La.) High School and Tamekia Foley of Newton County, three each; and Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, two. The Lady Indians held a 26-12 advantage at halftime.

Both teams sport 7-3 records following the non-division matchup. The Lady Warriors claimed a 59-58 win over Itawamba early in season action.

In the men's contest, sophomore James Denson, a former standout at Choctaw Central, pumped in 20 points to lead the Warriors who saw their record dip to 4-6 overall. Other scorers were Corey Hornsby of Istrouma (La.) High School, 17; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, 15; Winfred Craig of Louisville, nine; Demario Qualls of Newton, four; Maurice English of Union, three; and Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway (Tenn.) High School and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two each.

Itawamba, which improved to 8-3, led 36-35 at the break.

East Central had earlier posted a 68-67 victory over the Indians.

In games this week, EC squads travel to Copiah-Lincoln Community College on January 14 and will host teams from Southwest Mississippi Community College on January 17. The Lady Warriors and Warriors will again be on the road Tuesday, January 22 against Jones County Junior College.

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ECCC drops one in overtime

By Marty Stamper
staff writer

DECATUR — If the East Central Community College Warriors would have played the first seven minutes anywhere near the way they did the final 38, they would have had little trouble beating Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday.

Southwest jumped out to a 22-5 lead over the first seven minutes of the game before having to go to overtime to take an 82-80 victory.

"That's been our story," ECCC coach Bill Smith said. "We'll play 30 minutes out of the 40 and we're getting beat two and three at the buzzer."

ECCC fell to 4-8 overall and 0-3 in the MACJC South Division. Southwest improved to 11-2 overall and 2-1 in the division.

Southwest won the women's game 64-55 after trailing by nine at halftime.

The ECCC men got to within 36-26 with 3:31 remaining in the first half only to go into halftime with a 44-29 deficit.

The Warriors scored nine-of-11 points to close to within 52-50 with 11 minutes to play on a basket from James Denson.

Photo by Carlisa McCain/ The Meridian Star

ON THE MOVE

ECCC's James Denson keeps his guard up against SMCC's Sam Johnson (4).

JUCO HOOPS

falling apart in the second half to lose their fourth-consecutive game after starting the season

to go up 56-52 with 4:05 left.

After the Lady Warriors were guilty of a shot-clock vio-

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The visiting Bears pulled back out to a 64-52 advantage on a basket by Brent Butler with 7:37 showing in regulation.

But the Warriors staged another comeback and got to within 72-69 with 1:43 on the second half clock when Corey Hornsby went 5-of-5 at the free-throw line over a 31-second span.

Two free throws by Brandon Griffin put Southwest up by four (74-70) with 1:01 left, but Hornsby made two baskets in the final 56 seconds to force overtime at 74-74. His tying basket came on a 10-foot baseline floater with 8.1 seconds left.

Southwest scored the first four points in overtime only to have ECCC pull even at 78-78 on a pair of free throws by Kevin Bobbitt with 2:12 to go.

Griffin's basket with 1:53 showing gave the Bears an 80-78 lead, but Denson evened the contest with a jumper 20 seconds later.

A lay-in by Wesley Haynes with 1:07 remaining turned out to be the game-winning points.

Sam Johnson came up with a loose ball for Southwest only to have his team turn the ball over on a shot-clock violation with 10.1 seconds still to be played.

The Warriors got the ball to Hornsby, who tallied 28 second-half points, but his shot at a game-winning 3-pointer rimmed out as time expired.

"I was real proud of the way the guys fought back," Smith said. "We had chances to win at the end, it just didn't go in. The kids played hard."

Hornsby finished the night with 36 points. He was 13-of-14 at the free-throw line.

ECCC also got 12 points from Denson, 10 from Winfred Craig, and six from Demario Qualls. Griffin led Southwest with 20 points. Johnson scored 14, Haynes and Willie Depron both had 11, and Butler tossed in nine.

ECCC travels to Ellisville to take on Jones on Tuesday.

Southwest women 64
ECCC 55

The Lady Warriors carried a 29-20 lead into halftime before 7-1.

"We had nine made field goals in the second half," ECCC coach Brad Hodge said of his team's second half scoring woes. "The bottom line is we've got to make shots and make free throws. They did everything else we asked them to. I can't fault them for their effort. They played hard. Even with a minute to go and down four, we still felt like we had a chance. We've just got to convert."

It took Southwest less than five minutes in the second half to pull even at 32-32.

"We threw it away four times in a row," Hodge said. "We had made some changes defensively, but that had nothing to do with our offense."

A 3-pointer by Nikki LaCour gave ECCC a 35-32 lead with 14:52 left before the Lady Bears eased out to a 43-40 lead at the 11:34 mark.

Lori Cumberland's 3-pointer gave ECCC a 45-43 lead with 10:03 to go and a basket by LaCour made it 47-43 with 9:37 left. Southwest responded by scoring 13 of the next 18 points lation with 3:09 remaining. Southwest got two free throws from Nakja Downing for a 58-52 at the 2:18 mark.

ECCC got to within 58-54 on a basket by LaCour with 1:08 left before the comeback bid failed.

"We stunk it up defensively in the second half," Hodge said. "We gave up 44 points and we're not going to be able to win that way."

LaCour led ECCC (7-5 overall, 1-2 South) with 17 points. Christina Ford scored 11 and Tamekia Foley had seven.

The Lady Warriors are down to 10 players for the remainder of the year.

"We've got 10 in uniform and that's who we're going to finish with," Hodge said.

Downing led Southwest (9-3, 2-1) with 22 points. "Once she gets to feeling it, you're in trouble," Hodge said of the 6-foot freshman. "She's prob one of the best I've seen since I've been here."

Traci Forrest and Natasha Booth added nine apiece.

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Remembering their friends

From Staff Reports
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The women's basketball team at East Central Community College wears a black patch with the No. 22 for LaShonda Ford of Forest, who was killed in an automobile accident shortly after the 2000-01 school year ended. She would have been a sophomore this year.

The East Mississippi Community College men's team wears a black patch in honor of former Lions coach Steve Hull, who suffered a fatal heart attack on Oct. 15 while playing golf at Dancing Rabbit Golf Course. Hull was in his seventh year at EMCC.

— Marty Stamper

Out for the year

East Mississippi Community College freshman guard Allison Power of New Hope High School is out for the remainder of the season with a broken right wrist. The injury occurred during the Lady Lions' Nov. 27 contest with Jones Junior College.

Preliminary x-rays suggested that the 5-foot-6 Power had sprained the wrist. However, a second x-ray showed that it was broken. Power was the second leading scorer on the 1-9 Lady Lions' team.

— Cassie Chance

Southwest Tennessee teams slumping

Both the men's and women's basketball teams at Southwest Tennessee Community College at Memphis, Tenn., advanced to the national tournament level last year. This year is another story.

The Lady Saluquis were 4-9 heading into a Jan. 9 contest with Hiwassee College.

The Southwest women won two of three games in the Illinois Central Tournament, Dec. 27-29.

The Southwest men were 6-7 after coming off a 94-91 win over Kennedy-King College.

The Saluquis are led by Cortez Stigger, who averages 25.3 points

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Meridian (15-1)

WINS (15) — Coahoma, 99-72; East Mississippi, 82-68; Lawson State, 84-65; Spartanburg Methodist, 79-55; Rone St., 89-83; Wallace-Selma, 100-82; Coahoma, 86-79; Southwest Tennessee, 89-68; Wallace-Selma, 93-67; Southern Union, 79-69; Lawson State, 94-57; Pensacola, 84-73; Bishop State, 69-41; East Mississippi, 85-72; Shelton State, 101-93.

LOSSES (1) — Shelton State, 91-80.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 15, at Mary Holmes; Jan. 19, Southwest Tennessee; Jan. 22, Northeast Mississippi; Jan. 24, Wallace-Hanceville; Jan. 26, Southern Shreveport; Feb. 2, LSU-Eunice; Feb. 4, East Central; Feb. 7, Delgado; Feb. 9, Southern Union; Feb. 14, at LSU-Eunice; Feb. 16, at Southern Shreveport; Feb. 21, at Delgado; Feb. 25, Mary Holmes; Feb. 27, at Wallace Hanceville; March 6, Region 23 Tournament.

East Central (7-3)

WINS (7) — Holmes, 60-42; Mississippi Delta, 63-57; East Mississippi, 62-45; Holmes, 77-62; Itawamba, 59-58; Gulf Coast, 81-71; Mississippi Delta, 71-61.

LOSSES (3) — Northeast, 78-59; Northwest, 87-77; Itawamba, 53-42.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 14, at Co-Lin; Jan. 17, Southwest Mississippi; Jan. 22, at Jones; Jan. 24, Pearl River; Jan. 28, at Hinds; Jan. 31, at Gulf Coast; Feb. 4, at Meridian; Feb. 7, Co-Lin; Feb. 11,at Southwest

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Co-Lin takes two from East Central

Co-Lin took a 79-74 win over ECCC in the men's game and a 72-63 win in the women's game in JUCO hoops action.

East Central's Cory Hurtsby had an impressive 27 points in the men's game.

The Co-Lin women's team was led by Tiania Burns with 24 points. ECCC's Nikki Lacour had 20.

East Central's men dropped to 4-7 while the women dropped to 7-4.

East Central will be in action again Thursday versus Southwest.

— From staff reports

Mississippi; Feb. 14, Jones; Feb. 18, at Pearl River; Feb. 21, Hinds; Feb. 25-28, State Tourney; March 4-7, Region Tourney.

East Mississippi (1-9)

WINS (1) — Bevill (Ala.) State, 79-77 (OT).

LOSSES (9) — Meridian, 82-68; Gulf Coast, 97-58; Jones, 88-82; East Central, 62-45; Bishop (Ala.) State, 53-52; Jones, 69-46; Bevill (Ala.) State, 83-72 (OT); Northeast, 75-73 (OT); Meridian, 85-72.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 14, Delta; Jan. 17, at Itawamba; Jan. 21, Holmes; Jan. 24, Coahoma; Jan. 28, at Northwest; Feb. 4, Northeast; Feb. 7, at Delta; Feb. 11, Itawamba; Feb. 14, at Holmes; Feb. 18, at Coahoma; Feb. 21, Northwest; Feb. 26-27, State Tournament; Mar. 5-8, Region Tournament.

Jones (5-4)

WINS (5) — East Mississippi, 88-82; Holmes, 91-75; East Mississippi, 69-46; Hinds, 63-60; LSU-Eunice, 68-57.

LOSSES (4) — Holmes, 79-69; Itawamba, 71-66; Southwest, 66-56; Itawamba, 59-53.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 12, at LSU Eunice; Jan. 14, at Pearl River; Jan. 17, Gulf Coast; Jan. 22, East Central; Jan. 24, at Co-Lin; Jan. 31, Southwest; Feb. 4, at Hinds; Feb. 7, Pearl River; Feb. 11, at Gulf Coast; Feb. 14, at East Central; Feb. 18, Co-Lin; Feb. 25-27, State Tournament; Mar. 4-6, Regional Tournament.

UNREPORTED GAMES — Jan. 10, at Northwest.

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Meridian (8-9)

WINS (8) — Coahoma, 100-83; East Mississippi, 66-64; Lawson State, 71-49; Wallace-Selma, 91-90; Coahoma, 79-75; Wallace-Selma, 81-77; Lawson State, 77-63; Jones, 89-85.

LOSSES (9) — Southern Union, 101-89; Bevill State, 94-79; Southwest Tennessee 104-69; Alabama Southern, 81-71; Southern Union, 80-57; Bevill State, 74-61; Alabama Southern, 93-72; East Mississippi, 89-83; Shelton State, 83-76.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 15, at Mary Holmes; Jan. 19, Southwest Tennessee; Jan. 22, Northeast Mississippi; Jan. 26, Southern Shreveport; Jan. 28, at Jones County; Jan. 31, Bossier Parish; Feb. 7, Delgado; Feb. 14, at Bossier Parish; Feb. 16, at Southern Shreveport; Feb. 21, at Delgado; Feb. 25, Mary Holmes; March 6, Region 23 Tournament.

East Central (4-6)

WINS (4) — East Mississippi, 71-64; Holmes, 70-65; Itawamba, 68-67; Mississippi Delta, 77-71.

LOSSES (6) — Holmes, 81-57; Northeast, 96-86; Mississippi Delta, 83-76; Gulf Coast, 95-76; Northwest, 92-84; Itawamba, 73-72.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 14, at Co-Lin; Jan. 17, Southwest Mississippi; Jan. 22, at Jones; Jan. 24, Pearl River; Jan. 28, at Hinds; Jan. 31, at Gulf Coast; Feb. 4, at Mississippi College JV; Feb. 7, Co-Lin; Feb. 11, at Southwest Mississippi; Feb. 14, Jones; Feb. 18, at Pearl River; Feb. 21, Hinds; Feb. 25-28, State Tourney; March 4-7, Region Tourney.

East Mississippi (2-8)

WINS (2) — Jones, 84-80; Meridian, 89-83.

LOSSES (8) — Meridian, 66-64; Gulf Coast, 69-56; East Central, 71-64; Pearl River, 74-67; Gulf Coast, 76-63; Jones, 78-67; Marion Institute, 79-76; Northeast, 75-57.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 14, Delta; Jan. 17, at Itawamba; Jan. 21, Holmes; Jan. 24, Coahoma; Jan. 28, at Northwest; Feb. 4, Northeast; Feb. 7, at Delta; Feb. 11, Itawamba; Feb. 14, at Holmes; Feb. 18, at Coahoma; Feb. 21, Northwest; Feb. 26-27, State Tourney; Mar. 5-8, Region Tourney.

Jones (5-4)

WINS (5) — Holmes, 71-61; Itawamba, 74-55; Holmes, 74-57; East Mississippi, 78-67; Southwest, 77-65.

LOSSES (4) — East Mississippi, 84-80; Hinds, 73-50; Meridian, 89-85; Itawamba, 78-61.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 14, at Pearl River; Jan. 17, Gulf Coast; Jan. 22, East Central; Jan. 24, at Co-Lin; Jan. 28, Meridian; Jan. 31, Southwest; Feb. 4, at Hinds; Feb. 7, Pearl River; Feb. 11, at Gulf Coast; Feb. 14, at East Central; Feb. 18, Co-Lin; Feb. 25-27, State Tournament; Mar. 4-6, Regional Tournament.

UNREPORTED GAMES — Jan. 10, at Northwest.

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ECCC Lady Warriors, Warriors Begin 2002 Action At Itawamba

East Central Community College basketball teams will be gunning for a sweep of Itawamba Community College when 2002 competition gets underway Thursday night on the Fulton campus.

The Lady Warriors, 7-2 overall and 1-0 in South Division action under first-year head coach Brad Hodge, edged the Lady Indians 59-58 in the ECCC Invitational on November 20. Coach Hodge said the Lady Warriors will have a tough assignment defeating the 6-3 Lady Indians a second time- especially on their own court.

"Itawamba, in my opinion, is one of the top two teams in the North Division. We were very lucky to beat them here back in November. It was a game where they did everything right to win and we just stole the game in the last five minutes. I am sure they will be out for blood this time. They have their best player returning from a broken arm, which makes them even more dangerous. We better have our shoes laced up tight; otherwise, it will be a tough night. This is a team that will be in the state tournament," Hodge said.

Coach Hodge added he very pleased with his team's performance in 2001.

"If someone would have told me back in October that we would be 7-2 at the semester break, then I would have recommended them to get a mental evaluation! With as many variables to factor into this year's team – only three returnees, a tough early schedule, new head coach, the pressure of being the defending region champions, etc. – this team has done a fantastic job of putting themselves into a good position to start the new year. However, you are only as good as your next game. What has happened thus far will not put us in the state tournament or in the region tournament. With division play picking up this semester and us going on the road for two tough non-division games, we could easily be sitting at .500 at the start of February – and playing good basketball. The schedule gets very difficult this semester, the South Division is so strong this year with Co-Lin undefeated, Pearl River off to a good start, Southwest and Gulf Coast both are very talented, and Jones is well coached and plays extremely hard. There will never be a night we can play poorly and still have a chance to win, but hopefully this team is prepared for the challenge. Our sophomore leaders will have to continue to lead this team as they have so far this season," Hodge commented.

Sophomore Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches, La., leads the Lady Warrior offensive attack by averaging 17.4 points per game. She tallied a career-high 42 points during an 81-71 thumping of visiting Gulf Coast on November 29.

Other top scorers are sophomore Christina Ford of Enterprise, who is averaging 10.6 points and seven rebounds, and freshman Belinda Potter of Monroe, La. Potter is averaging 10.2 points and six rebounds per contest and has three blocked shots.

The EC women sport the league's top defensive unit, allowing 62.2 points per contest.

East Central's Warriors, 4-5 overall and 0-1 in league play for first-year head mentor Billy Smith, posted a 68-67 cliff-hanger over Itawamba in the same ECCC Tournament. Coach Smith also realizes his team faces an uphill battle against the Indians, who are 7-3 overall under former ECCC head coach Marty Cooper.

"It will obviously be much harder to beat Itawamba on their own court. It will be our first game after the break and we will definitely face a tough challenge. However, I know we will play hard and put forth our best effort," Coach Smith said.

Regarding his team's 4-5 record, Smith commented.

"Although I am not happy with our won-loss record, I am pleased with the improvements we have made since our first game. Hopefully we can keep getting better as the season continues. We have 13 games remaining and our division schedule resumes next week with Co-Lin."

The Warriors are led at the break by freshman Corey Hornsby of Baton Rouge, La., who is averaging 18.6 points and seven rebounds per contest and has 14 blocked shots. Other top performers are sophomore James Denson of Choctaw Central who is averaging 13.8 points and 4 rebounds per game and has 25 assists and seven blocked shots; Winfred Craig of Louisville, with 12.4 points and 5.7 rebounds per contest and 28 assists; and Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, who is averaging 10.7 points per game and has 28 assists.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors will again be on the road Monday, January 14 when they take on Copiah-Lincoln Community College in division competition. EC squads host division foe Southwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday, January 17. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. (women) and 7:45 p.m. (men).

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Lady Warriors Snap Losing Streak With Win Over Jones County

Nikki LaCour poured in 24 points and led East Central Community College's women to a 74-63 South Division win over Jones County Junior College Tuesday night in Ellisville.

With the win, the Lady Warriors improved to 8-5 overall and 2-2 in league play. The victory also snapped a four-game losing skid and provided the EC women with their first win of the new year.

In addition to LaCour, a former standout at Natchitoches (La.) Central High School, other EC scorers were Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and Christina Ford of Enterprise, nine each; Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxpater, eight; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, seven; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, six; Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central and Tamekia Foley of Newton County, four each; and Shelly Giddings, a product of Universal City (Pa.) High School, three.

East Central led 35-22 at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors fell 76-64 to the host Bobcats despite a 28-point output by freshman Corey Hornsby, a 6-5 forward from Istrouma (La.) High School.

Additional scorers for East Central, whose record now stands at 4-9 and 0-4, were James Denson of Choctaw Central, 12; Winfred Craig of Louisville, 10; Maurice English of Union, nine; Clint Hatch of Carthage and Demario Qualls of Newton, two each; and Reggie Carter of University Christian, one.

The Bobcats led 26-20 at the break.

East Central squads will host conference foe Pearl River Community College Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood gym. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. for the women's contest with men's action scheduled at 7:45 p.m.

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East Central CC clips Pearl River CC 94 - 81

East Central Community College's Warriors snapped a five-game losing streak by defeating Pearl River Community College 94-81 Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood gym on the Decatur campus.

With the win, EC improved to 5-9 overall and 1-4 in South Division.

Freshman Corey Hornsby, a product of Istrouma (La.) High School, led EC in scoring with 28 points. Also scoring were Winfred Craig of Louisville, 24; James Denson of Choctaw Central, 17; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, eight; Demario Qualls of Newton and Clint Hatch of Carthage, four each; Will Florence of North Delta and Jason Richardson of Wilcox (Ala.) Central, three each; Maurice English of Union, two; and Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway (Tenn.) High School, one.

Yandall Brown of Dodge County (Ga.) High School had 34 points to lead Pearl River, which dropped to 6-7 and 1-4.

East Central led 48-33 at halftime.

In the women's contest, the Lady Warriors let a second-half lead slip away and fell 77-75 to the PRC women. East Central had a chance to win the game at the buzzer, but Shelly Giddings' three-pointer bounced off the rim.

Scorers for EC were Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches (La.) Central, 22; Christina Ford of Enterprise, 18; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, 12; Giddings, of Philadelphia, Penn., nine; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, six; Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, four; and Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, two.

Audosha Kelly of Savannah, Ga., had 21 points to lead the Lady Wildcats who improved to 10-3 and 4-1.

The Lady Warriors, now 8-6 and 2-3, rallied to take a 35-34 lead at the break.

Both EC squads will be on the road this week, traveling to division foes Hinds Community College on Monday, January 28 and Gulf Coast Community College on Thursday, January 31.

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WEEK OF 28 Jan 02

East Central teams break losing skids

East Central Community College's Warriors snapped a five-game losing streak by defeating Pearl River Community College 94-81 Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Brackeen-Wood gym on the Decatur campus.

With the win, EC improved to 5-9 overall and 1-4 in South Division.

Corey Hornsby led EC in scoring with 28 points. Also scoring were Winfred Craig, 24; James Denson of Choctaw Central, 17; and Clint Hatch of Carthage, four.

Yandall Brown had 34 points to lead Pearl River, which dropped to 6-7 and 1-4.

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Audosha Kelly had 21 points to lead the Lady Wildcats who improved to 10-3 and 4-1.

The Lady Warriors, now 8-6 and 2-3, rallied to take a 35-34 lead at the break.

LaCour poured in 24 points and led the Lady Warriors to a 74-63 South Division win over Jones County Junior College on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

The victory snapped a four-game losing skid and provided the EC women with their first win of the new year.

In addition to LaCour, other EC scorers were Cumberland, nine, Brown, seven; and Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, four.

East Central led 35-22 at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors fell 76-64 to the host Bobcats despite another 28-point output by Hornsby.

Additional scorers for EC were Denson, 12; Craig, 10; and Hatch, two.

JC led 26-20 at the break.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

ECCC takes two from Hinds

UTICA — Visiting East Central Community College took a pair of wins from Hinds Community College on Monday night.

The Lady Warriors of ECCC used 17 points from Lori Cumberland and 15 from Nikki LaCour to take a 60-59 win to move to 9-6 on the season.

ECCC led 36-33 at the half. The Lady Warriors and Warriors return to action on Thursday when they travel to Perkinston. to take on Gulf Coast.

The Warriors turned a 31-24 halftime lead into a 67-51 win against the Bulldogs.

Winifred Craig scored 14 points to lead the winners, while James Denson hit for 12. ECCC is now 6-9.

— Austin Bishop

JUCO BASKETBALL

WOMEN

Meridian (20-1)

WINS (20) — Coahoma, 99-72; East Mississippi, 82-68; Lawson State, 84-65; Spartanburg Methodist, 79-55; Rone St., 89-83; Wallace-Selma, 100-82; Coahoma, 86-79; Southwest Tennessee, 89-68; Wallace-Selma, 93-67; Southern Union, 79-69; Lawson State, 94-57; Pensacola, 84-73; Bishop State, 69-41; East Mississippi, 85-72; Shelton State, 101-93; Southwest Tennessee, 92-81; Mary Holmes (forfeit); Northeast Mississippi, 108-77; Wallace-Hanceville, 103-87; Southern Shreveport, 112-94.

LOSSES (1) — Shelton State, 91-80.

GAMES REMAINING — Feb. 2, LSU-Eunice; Feb. 4, East Central; Feb. 7, Delgado; Feb. 9, Southern Union; Feb. 14, at LSU-Eunice; Feb. 16, at Southern Shreveport; Feb. 21, at Delgado; Feb. 25, Mary Holmes; Feb. 27, at Wallace Hanceville; March 6, Region 23 Tournament.

East Central (8-6)

WINS (8) — Holmes, 60-42; Mississippi Delta, 63-57; East Mississippi, 62-45; Holmes, 77-62; Itawamba, 59-58; Gulf Coast, 81-71; Mississippi Delta, 71-61; Jones, 74-63.

LOSSES (6) — Northeast, 78-59; Northwest, 87-77; Itawamba, 53-42; Co-Lin, 72-63; Southwest, 64-55; Pearl River, 77-75.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 28, at Hinds; Jan. 31, at Gulf Coast; Feb. 4, at Meridian; Feb. 7, Co-Lin; Feb. 11,at Southwest Mississippi; Feb. 14, Jones; Feb. 18, at Pearl River; Feb. 21, Hinds; Feb. 25-28, State Tourney; March 4-7, Region Tourney.

East Mississippi (3-11)

WINS (3) — Bevill (Ala.) State, 79-77 (OT); Miss Delta, 63-59; Coahoma, 82-73.

LOSSES (11) — Meridian, 82-68; Gulf Coast, 97-58; Jones, 88-82; East Central, 62-45; Bishop (Ala.) State, 53-52; Jones, 69-46; Bevill (Ala.) State, 83-72 (OT); Northeast, 75-73 (OT); Meridian, 85-72; Itawamba, 62-42; Holmes, 60-54.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 28, at Northwest; Feb. 4, Northeast; Feb. 7, at Delta; Feb. 11, Itawamba; Feb. 14, at Holmes; Feb. 18, at Coahoma; Feb. 21, Northwest; Feb. 26-27, State Tournament; Mar. 5-8, Region Tournament.

Jones (5-7)

WINS (5) — East Mississippi, 88-82; Holmes, 91-75; East Mississippi, 69-46; Hinds, 63-60; LSU-Eunice, 68-57.

LOSSES (7) — Holmes, 79-69; Itawamba, 71-66; Southwest, 66-56; Itawamba, 59-53; Pearl River, 93-62; Gulf Coast, 76-54; East Central, 74-63.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 31, Southwest; Feb. 4, at Hinds; Feb. 7, Pearl River; Feb. 11, at Gulf Coast; Feb. 14, at East Central; Feb. 18, Co-Lin; Feb. 25-27, State Tournament; Mar. 4-6, Regional Tournament.

UNREPORTED GAMES — Jan. 10, at Northwest; Jan. 12, at LSU Eunice; Jan. 24, at Co-Lin.

MEN

Meridian (9-12)

WINS (9) — Coahoma, 100-83; East Mississippi, 66-64; Lawson State, 71-49; Wallace-Selma, 91-90; Coahoma, 79-75; Wallace-Selma, 81-77; Lawson State, 77-63; Jones, 89-85; Mary Holmes, 91-86.

LOSSES (12) — Southern Union, 101-89; Bevill State, 94-79; Southwest Tennessee 104-69; Alabama Southern, 81-71; Southern Union, 80-57; Bevill State, 74-61; Alabama Southern, 93-72; East Mississippi, 89-83; Shelton State, 83-76; Southwest Tennessee, 98-88; Northeast, 103-70; Southern Shreveport, 84-77.

GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 28, at Jones County; Jan. 31, Bossier Parish; Feb. 7, Delgado; Feb. 14, at Bossier Parish; Feb. 16, at Southern Shreveport; Feb. 21, at Delgado; Feb. 25, Mary Holmes; March 6, Region 23 Tournament.

East Central (5-9)

WINS (5) — East Mississippi, 71-64; Holmes, 70-65; Itawamba, 68-67; Mississippi Delta, 77-71; Pearl River, 94-81.

LOSSES (9) — Holmes, 81-57; Northeast, 96-86; Mississippi Delta, 83-76;

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Gulf Coast, 95-76; Northwest, 92-84; Itawamba, 73-72; Co-Lin, 79-74; Southwest, 82-80 (OT); Jones, 7-64.
GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 28, at Hinds; Jan. 31, at Gulf Coast; Feb. 4, at Mississippi College JV; Feb. 7, Co-Lin; Feb. 11,at Southwest Mississippi; Feb. 14, Jones; Feb. 18, at Pearl River; Feb. 21, Hinds; Feb. 25-28, State Tourney; March 4-7, Region Tourney.

East Mississippi (3-11)

WINS (3) — Jones, 84-80; Meridian, 89-83; Miss Delta, 82-80.
LOSSES (11) — Meridian, 66-64; Gulf Coast, 69-56; East Central, 71-64; Pearl River, 74-67; Gulf Coast, 76-63; Jones, 78-67; Marion Institute, 79-76; Northeast, 75-57; Itawamba, 72-54; Holmes, 74-70; Coahoma, 78-76 (OT).
GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 28, at Northwest; Feb. 4, Northeast; Feb. 7, at Delta; Feb. 11, Itawamba; Feb. 14, at Holmes; Feb. 18, at Coahoma; Feb. 21, Northwest; Feb. 26-27, State Tourney; Mar. 5-8, Region Tourney.

Jones (7-5)

WINS (7) — Holmes, 71-61; Itawamba, 74-55; Holmes, 74-57; East Mississippi, 78-67; Southwest, 77-65; Pearl River, 77-74; East Central, 76-64.
LOSSES (5) — East Mississippi, 84-80; Hinds, 73-50; Meridian, 89-85; Itawamba, 78-61; Gulf Coast, 72-70.
GAMES REMAINING — Jan. 28, Meridian; Jan. 31, Southwest; Feb. 4, at Hinds; Feb. 7, Pearl River; Feb. 11, at Gulf Coast; Feb. 14, at East Central; Feb. 18, Co-Lin; Feb. 25-27, State Tournament; Mar. 4-6, Regional Tournament.
UNREPORTED GAMES — Jan. 10, at Northwest; Jan. 24, at Co-Lin.

— Compiled by Ryan Satcher

East Central women earn playoff berth

WEEK OF 18 Feb 02

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors needed just one more win to qualify for the MACJC State Tournament, and they earned a spot in grand style by cruising past the Jones County Junior College women 71-57 Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The ECCC women, 12-8 overall and 6-4 in the South Division, were led by Nikki LaCour's 24 points. In addition to LaCour, other scorers were Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and Ashley Brown of Scott Central, 10 each; and Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, three.

Andrea Austin of Raleigh had 13 points to lead the Lady Bobcats, who fell to 8-13 and 3-8.

The Lady Warriors held a 30-18 advantage at halftime.

For the ECCC men, a berth in the state playoffs remained a reality as they posted an 81-74 win over the Bobcats.

The Warriors, 9-11 overall and 4-6 in league play, needed to win games at Pearl River on Monday and with visiting Hinds, today, to assure a tournament seeding. East Central earlier defeated both squads - Hinds, 67-60 and Pearl River, 94-81.

Leading scorer for the Warriors against JCJC was James Denson, a product of Choctaw Central, who had 24 points.

Also scoring were Corey Hornsby, 23; and Winfred Craig, 15.

Nick Page had 13 points to lead the Bobcats, who fell to 12-9 and 6-5.

The State Tournament, which this year includes the top four teams in each division, will be held March 4-7 and hosted by the top seed in the North men's division.

Both EC squads fell to homestanding Southwest Community College Monday, Feb. 11. The Warriors dropped an 82-73 decision while the women were outscored 76-58.

Hornsby led the EC men with 27 points. Also scoring were Denson, 11; Craig, 10; and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two.

The Bears, who improved to 16-3, led 41-30 at halftime.

LaCour was the Lady Warriors, top scorer with 13 points. Other point makers were Cumberland, eight; Ben, six; and Brown, five.

Southwest, which improved to 15-4, led 34-23 at the break.

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WEEK OF 11 Feb 02

Lady Warriors, Warriors Claim Wins Over Co-Lin

East Central Community College basketball teams moved closer to clinching berths in the state playoffs by claiming victories over visiting Copiah-Lincoln Community College squads Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood gym.

The Lady Warriors rallied to upend the nationally ranked Lady Wolves 72-66 and avenged an earlier 72-63 loss on the Wesson campus. The EC victory also gave Co-Lin its only second regular-season defeat in two years.

With their victory, the EC women improved to 11-7 overall and 5-3 in the South Division, while 14th ranked Co-Lin dropped to 16-2 and 6-2.

Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches (La.) Central was again the top scorer for the Lady Warriors, as she pumped in 26 points. Also scoring were Christina Ford of Enterprise, 16; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, 14; Shelly Giddings of Philadelphia, PA, six; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, five; Tamekia Foley of Newton County and Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, two each; and Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, one.

Tiania Burns of Nashville, TN, led Co-Lin with 20 points.

The Lady Wolves led 30-23 at the break.

East Central's Warriors posted a 77-64 decision over the Co-Lin men and earned a split of the season series. The Wolves earlier claimed an 80-74 win.

With the victory, EC improved to 8-10 overall and 3-5 in the division, while the Wolves dropped to 6-12 and 3-5.

Corey Hornsby of Istrouma (La.) High School led EC with 24 points. Other scorers were Winfred Craig of Louisville, 19; Maurice English of Union, 11; James Denson of Choctaw Central, nine; Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway (TN) High School, seven; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, three; and Demario Qualls of Newton and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two each.

Bruce Smith of Brookhaven led Co-Lin with 15 points.

EC held a 41-32 advantage at halftime.

East Central teams travel to Southwest Mississippi Community College on Monday, February 11 and will host Jones County Junior College on Thursday, February 14. The JCJC matchup is also "Be Our Guest Night" for area high school students who will be admitted free to the South Division contest.

WARRIORS DEFEAT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE JV

East Central teams took a break from division competition on Monday, February 4, as the Warriors traveled to Clinton take to take on the Mississippi College junior varsity and the Lady Warriors were guests of nationally ranked Meridian Community College.

The EC men – led by Denson's 34 points – posted an 88-77 victory while the women were not as fortunate as they fell 98-74 to the Lady Eagles.

In addition to Denson, other Warrior scorers were English, 13; Craig, six; Crenshaw and Bobbitt, five each; Qualls and Florence, two each; and Richardson and Hatch, one each.

Lady Warrior point makers were LaCour, 20; Ford, 10; Ben, nine; Cumberland, eight; Foley and Brown, seven each; Eichelberger, six; Patsy McKee of Forest, five; and Giddings, two.

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LOCAL SPORTS

East Central sweeps Jones

By Marty Stamper/staff writer
Feb. 15, 2002

DECATUR — Going into Thursday's MACJC South Division basketball game with Jones Junior College, the East Central Community College Warriors knew their mission if they are to make the state basketball tournament ... win each of their last three games.

The Warriors accomplished the first step with an 81-74 win over the Bobcats.

"We were in a do-or-die situation as far as making the playoffs and I think we played like we had our backs against the wall," ECCC coach Bill Smith said. "We played a lot better defensively and with a lot more intensity."

The Lady Warriors wrapped up the fourth and final berth from the South Division with a 71-57 victory over the Jones women in the opener.

ECCC men 81

Jones 74

The Warriors jumped out to 25-10 lead in the first 10 minutes that saw two highlight dunks and a 3-pointer from 6-foot-5 freshman Corey Hornsby.

"We were able to keep them off the boards and limited them to just one shot early in the game," Smith said of the hot start.

ECCC led 40-31 at halftime as the Bobcats heated up from 3-point range, making five baskets from long range over a span of just under four minutes to close to within 37-31.

Jones battled to within a point with 16:38 remaining, but the Warriors stayed ahead until Lee J. Kirkpatrick's second straight basket tied the contest at 53-53 with 11:11 showing.

Nick Paige then buried one of his four 3-pointers to give Jones its only second-half lead at 56-53 with 10:55 to go. The Bobcats hit 11 treys in the contest.

However, Jones was unable to make another basket until the 3:25 mark when Rashaune Walters connected. The Bobcats were 5-of-9 at the free-throw line over that span as ECCC pulled out to a 71-61 lead with Hornsby and James Denson scoring five points apiece and Kevin Bobbitt hitting a 3-pointer for the Warriors.

"We didn't panic when we got down three," Smith said. "James stepped it up with about six minutes to go and hit some key buckets. Corey hit a big 3-pointer for us. I thought it was a good team effort.

"We weren't fouling intentionally. It was just that every time we breathed, they were calling a foul."

Three-pointers by Chris Keyes and Paige pulled the Bobcats back to within 73-69 with 2:26 left, but ECCC made 6-of-10 free throws down the stretch for the win.

ECCC (9-11 overall, 4-6 South Division) got 24 points from Denson and 23 from Hornsby. Winfred Craig scored 15 with Donzel Crenshaw and Demario Qualls adding six each.

"They played very well, whether they had to or not," Jones coach Robert McInnis said. "Most teams choke when they have to (play well).

"They played excellent basketball. I thought coach Smith did a great job of coaching. They just outplayed us in every aspect of the game and deserved to win.

"I don't think we did anything tonight except when they got a little tired and let us do a few things. They controlled us on rebounding, they outhustled us, they outplayed us, they just did a great job."

Jones (12-9, 6-5) got 13 points from Paige, 11 each from Kirkpatrick, McKinley Bethea, and M.J. Johnson, and eight each from Keyes and Jermaine Sherman.

ECCC women 71

Jones 57

The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 24-4 lead before having to hold off the Lady Bobcats in the second half for the postseason-clinching win.

ECCC took a 30-18 lead into halftime and was up 40-26 with just under 15 minutes remaining. Jones got a pair of 3-pointers from Andrea Austin to get to within 48-42 with 10:43 still to be played.

Nikki LaCour scored 10 of ECCC's 15 points midway through the second half to keep the Lady Warriors with a 50-42 advantage.

"People pressure Nikki and try to take her out of our offense and she just takes that as a challenge and steps up and responds," ECCC coach Brad Hodge said. "I admire her for that."

Five points from Lori Cumberland kept ECCC with a six-point (55-49)

advantage with just over six minutes showing.

An 8-0 Lady Warrior run extended the lead to 14 with only 5:29 to go. Tamekia Foley hit a 3-pointer during the run with Christina Ford making 3-of-4 free throws.

"They went to that little zone and Tamekia hit a big three," Hodge said. "Shelly Giddings got us under control when we needed it and that's what we've been looking for in her."

Jones got back to within 63-55 on a basket by Aletha Ingram, but another 8-0 ECCC run sealed the win and a berth in the MACJC state tournament.

"Now what we're playing for is positioning," Hodge said. "We can probably move up to No. 3. A lot of things have got to happen. First, we've got to win our last two to have a chance, but we're in and that's what you play for. It's a good feeling."

ECCC (12-8, 6-4) got 24 points from LaCour, 10 each from Cumberland and Ashley Brown, and six each from Foley and Trelisa Eichelberger. Brown had a team-high eight rebounds.

Jones (8-13, 3-8) got 13 points from Austin, nine each from Colette Bartee and Thelma Cooper, eight from Kimberly White, and six each from Ingram and Demesha Chambers. Chambers had a team-high eight rebounds.

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WEEK OF 11 Feb 02

Warriors take pair of wins

by Marty Stamper

The East Central Community College Warriors picked up a pair of basketball wins last week to up their record to 8-10.

The Lady Warriors were 1-1 against nationally-ranked teams with the win coming against Copiah-Lincoln. The Lady Warriors brought an 11-7 mark into this week.

• **Meridian women 98, EC 74:** Meridian outscored EC 62-44 in the second half to turn the first meeting of the two since the mid-1980s into a blowout on Feb. 4 at Meridian.

EC trailed 36-30 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors, 10-7, got 20 points from Nikki LaCour, 10 from Christina Ford, nine from Melinda Ben, eight from Lori Cumberland, seven each from Ashley Brown and Tamekia Foley, and six from Trelisa Eichelberger.

MCC, 22-1, got 25 points from Monique Horner, 18 from Tiwana Collins and 17 from Gerice Terry.

• **EC men 88, Mississippi College JV 77:** Behind James Denson's 34 points, the Warriors knocked off the Mississippi College junior varsity team at Clinton on Feb. 4.

Maurice English added 13 points, Winfred Craig scored six, while Donzel Crenshaw and Kevin Bobbitt had five each.

Josh Adair had 18 for MC.

• **EC women 72, Copiah-Lincoln 66:** The Lady Warriors stunned the 14th-ranked Lady Wolves Thursday in Decatur.

Co-Lin led 30-23 at halftime, but EC used a 49-36 advantage in the second half to knock the Lady Wolves out of first place in the MACJC South Division.

Trailing 50-47 with just over nine minutes left, the Lady Warriors went on an 8-0 run with Nikki LaCour scoring three baskets to give the Lady Warriors the lead for good.

The Lady Warriors went 7-of-8 at the free-throw line in the final 1:15 to preserve the win.

EC, 11-7 overall and 5-3 in the division, got 26 points from LaCour, 16 from Christina Ford, 14 from Lori Cumberland, six from Shelly Giddings, and five from Ashley Brown.

Co-Lin (16-2, 6-2) got 20 points from Tiania Burns, 12 from Lindsay Altman, and 10 from Christy Brown.

• **EC men 77, Copiah-Lincoln 64:** The Warriors used a 13-0 run in the second half to take their win over the Wolves.

EC led 54-53 with just over 11 minutes to play before reeling off 13 unanswered points to go up 67-53 with 6:37 showing.

Corey Hornsby led EC, 8-10 overall and 3-5 in the division, with 24 points. Winfred Craig scored 19, Maurice English had 11, James Denson nine, and Donzel Crenshaw seven.

Co-Lin (6-12, 3-5) got 15 points from Bruce Smith and 14 from Jason Scott.

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WEEK OF 25 Feb 02

Warrior Season Ends; Lady Warriors Prepare for State Tourney

East Central Community College's Warriors led throughout most of Thursday's matchup with Hinds Community College, but the visiting Bulldogs took control in the waning minutes and came away with a 71-66 nail-biter to end East Central's season.

A win over Hinds would have given the Warriors a .500 season and a trip to the MACJC Tournament, scheduled February 25-28 at Itawamba Community College in Fulton. Instead, the Bulldogs advance to the post-season and EC will have to settle for a 10-12 mark under first-year head coach Billy Smith. The Warriors finished 5-7 in division play.

James Denson, a former standout at Choctaw Central, led the Warriors with 18 points. Also scoring were Winfred Craig of Louisville, 14; Corey Hornsby of Istrouma (La.) High School, 13; Maurice English of Union, nine; Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway (Tenn.) High School, six; Clint Hatch of Carthage, four; and Demario Qualls of Newton, two.

Edward Mack of Jackson had 21 points to lead Hinds, which improved to 13-9.

East Central held a 36-27 advantage at halftime.

The Lady Warriors had little trouble disposing of the Hinds women and cruised to an 81-65 victory behind the 26-point effort of Nikki LaCour, a product of Natchitoches (La.) Central.

East Central completed the regular season with a 13-9 overall mark and a 7-5 division record under first-year head coach Brad Hodge. The Lady Warriors begin first-round action in the MACJC Tournament on Tuesday.

In addition to LaCour, other scorers were Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, 11; Tamekia Foley of Newton County and Christina Ford of Enterprise, 10 each; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, eight; Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater; six; Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central and Shelly Giddings of University City (Pa.) High School, four each; and Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, two.

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ECCC Lady Warriors Face Northeast To Begin State Tourney

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Finals are scheduled at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 28.

Other women squads participating are Copiah-Lincoln (South # 1 seed), Holmes (North #4 seed), Itawamba (North #2) and Pearl River (South #3).

The four-day tournament begins with men's competition on Monday, February 25 and is being held at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

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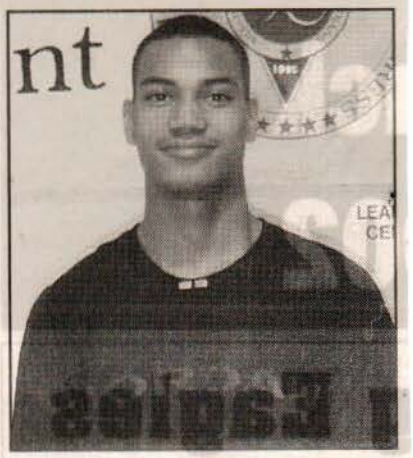

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Area athletes dot sports' rosters

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The East Central Diamond Warriors actually opened action on Feb. 12, with a game against West Alabama's junior varsity squad.

Listed on the baseball roster was former Scott Central standout Lewis Bradford.

Bradford, a sophomore for the Diamond Warriors, was listed as an outfielder.

Also on the list was freshman pitcher Alex Shephard of Sebastopol. Shephard was the ace for the Bobcats last season.

The East Central Lady Diamond Warriors opened play on Feb. 19, with a game at home against East Mississippi.

The Lady Diamond Warriors feature two former area standouts, Paige Posey of Leake Academy and Amanda Wilcher of Edinburg.

Posey, a freshman, was a member of Leake's 2001 slow-pitch AA State champion squad. Wilcher is also a freshman.

On March 19, the East Central golf team opens its season with a tournament at Northwood in Meridian.

The golf team also features a pair of former area standouts from Leake Academy, Hardy Gross and Richard Lee. Both are listed as freshmen.

Brody Perkins of Carthage serves as a trainer for the Lady Diamond Warriors.

Also at East Central, former Choctaw Central standout James Denson and Carthage product Clint Hatch recently concluded their stint at the college on the hardwood.

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Lady Warriors geared up for MCC

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ON THE MOVE

East Central Community College's Nikki LaCour tries to drive to the lane in a previous game against Meridian Community College.

By Austin Bishop

EMG regional sports director

JUCO Hoops

Fresh off a split of two games in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges State Tournament, the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College will take on Meridian Community College in the first round of the Region 23 Basketball Tournament on Monday.

The two teams — who faced off earlier in the year at MCC's Ivy Sports Center, will play at 6 p.m. at A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton.

Other first-round games on Monday in the women's bracket of the eight-team, single-elimination tournament have Itawamba and Pearl River meeting at noon and Southwest and Northeast playing at 2 p.m. The 8 p.m. game has Copiah-Lincoln playing Northwest.

Jones Junior College (13-10) is the only one of the four area community colleges to make the men's eight-team field. JCJC takes on Holmes Community College at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The men's day of action begins at noon when Delgado Community College plays Itawamba, followed by the 2 p.m. game between Northwest and Gulf Coast. The 8 p.m. game has Bossier Parish taking on Southwest.

Wednesday's action begins with a women's semifinal contest at noon between the MCC-East Central winner and the Southwest-Northeast winner.

The 2 p.m. men's game has the Holmes-Jones men's winner taking on the Delgado-ICC winner. The 8 p.m. men's semifinal will be between the Northwest-Gulf Coast winner and the Bossier-Southwest winner.

The 6 p.m. women's semifinal will be between the winner of the Co-Lin-Northwest game and the ICC-Pearl River winner. The women's finals will tip off at 6 p.m. on Thursday, followed by the men's finals at 8 p.m.

ECCC (14-10) and Meridian (28-2) played earlier in the year, with the Lady Eagles taking a 96-74 win at the Ivy Sports Center.

MCC head coach Hilary Allen said that previous game probably wouldn't have a lot to do with Monday's outcome.

"I am sure (ECCC) coach (Brad) Hodge will put in a couple of wrinkles for the game and we will too," Allen said. "I just think that it's great for community college basketball in Mississippi that we are playing each other in the region tournament."

ECCC won the Region 23 title last season, while MCC won the two previous region tournaments.

In the MACJC State Tournament at ICC in Fulton, the Lady Warriors knocked off the No. 1 North seed Northeast by a score of 70-67, before falling to Southwest 62-53 in the semifinals.

Co-Lin (23-2) won the state title on Thursday with a 70-65 win over Southwest. The Holmes men beat 17-8 Northwest 96-89 for the men's title.

In the win over Northeast, the Lady Warriors scored the last five points of the game, including a three-pointer by Lori Cumberland to tie the game and a two free throws by Shelly Giddings to ice the win. The women's Region 23 winner will advance to the NJCAA Women's National Tournament in Salina, Kan., while the men's winner will head to Hutchinson, Kan., for the NJCAA Men's National Tournament.

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BASKETBALL

ECCC looks toward postseason

By Marty Stamper
staff writer

DECATUR — Feb. 7 was pretty much a make-or-break day for the postseason hopes of the East Central Community College basketball teams.

Both the Warriors and Lady Warriors took huge strides forward as they knocked off Copiah-Lincoln in Thursday's MACJC South Division contests in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Lady Warriors handed Co-Lin just its second regular-season loss in the last two years, beating the 14th-ranked Lady Wolves 72-66 in the opener.

The Warriors completed the sweep with a 77-64 victory over the Wolves.

The Lady Warriors outscored Co-Lin 49-36 in the second half to up their league record to 5-3 and their overall mark to 11-7.

ECCC trailed 30-23 at halftime after Lady Warrior sophomore Lori Cumberland connected on a 3-pointer from the left corner as time ran out in the first half.

Back-to-back three's from Nikki LaCour and Cumberland pulled the Lady Warriors to within 34-33 with 17:33 left and a free throw by Shelly Giddings knotted the contest at 34-34 at the 16:58 mark.

Co-Lin took five three-point leads before an 8-0 ECCC run gave the Lady Warriors a 55-50 edge with 7:31 remaining. LaCour had three of the four baskets with the last coming when she swatted a Co-Lin pass into the backcourt, ran the ball down, and laid it up for the 55-50 advantage.

The Lady Wolves got as close as two points when a 3-pointer from Tiania Burns made it 61-59 with 3:38 to go.

ECCC responded with baskets by Ashley Brown and Christina Ford to go up by six (65-59) with 1:35 left.

Cumberland, Giddings, and LaCour combined to make seven-of-their-eight free throws over the final 75 seconds to seal the win.

"Any win is big right now because it moves us back into a fighting chance for a possible second or third place and even first, depending on what happens on the way in," ECCC coach Brad Hodge said.

"If we can pull out the next four, there's no telling where we could be at."

All of the South Division women's teams have at least two league losses.

"But it was a big win. It's the first time we've beaten them here since I've been here," Hodge said.

"They've only lost two games in the regular season in two years.

"We had some leadership step up and we just played good, sound, fundamental basketball in the second half offensively. In the first half, we were atrocious offensively. Defensively, I thought we did a good job.

"We did a good job of putting that Meridian loss (Monday night) behind us. It's been a tough week for us. I'm very proud of the effort they gave. They really stuck to the game plan."

ECCC travels to Southwest Mississippi on Monday.

LaCour led ECCC with 26 points. Ford scored 16, including back-to-back baskets to keep ECCC up 59-54 with just over six minutes showing.

Cumberland had 14, Giddings six, and Brown five. Cumberland hit three 3s with LaCour hitting two.

Burns hit four 3s in leading Co-Lin with 20 points.

Lindsay Altman had 12, Christy Brown 10, Shaquita Smith nine, and Nikki Blakely eight.

The Lady Warriors held Mindy Livaudais, who got in foul trouble, to just five points.

"We went in with a game plan of who to guard and who not to guard and, fortunately, it worked out," Hodge said.

ECCC men	**77**
Co-Lin	**64**

The Warriors started their game hot, leading by as many as 16 points in the first 20 minutes before taking a 41-32 lead into halftime.

"We came out and played a little more aggressive to start the game," ECCC coach Bill Smith said. "We were hitting shots early and I think that might have surprised them."

Co-Lin scrapped back to within 54-53 on a basket by Jason Scott with just under 12 minutes left.

The Warriors responded with a 12-0 run to break the game open. During the run, ECCC got two 3-pointers from Winfred Craig and another from Corey Hornsby to take a 67-53 lead with 6:37 remaining.

"We switched to the zone with about 10 minutes to go in the game and that kind of threw them off," Smith said. "They missed quite a few shots."

Hornsby led the Warriors with 24 points as they improved to 8-10 overall and 3-5 in division play. ECCC, Co-Lin, and Hinds each have at least five league losses with at least one of the three teams making the state playoffs. The Warriors still have Hinds at home and last place Pearl River on the road. Their other two games are at Southwest and with Jones at ECCC.

"That was a big win," Smith said. "We've just got to take them one at a time. Hopefully, that will get us into contention for the playoffs."

ECCC also got 19 points from Craig, 11 from Maurice English, nine from James Denson, and seven from Donzel Crenshaw.

Co-Lin got 15 points from Bruce Smith, 14 from Scott, and eight each from Quentin Christian and B.J. Black. The Wolves dropped to 6-12 overall and 3-5 in the division.

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Lady Warriors wrap up berth in state tournament

by Marty Stamper

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors joined women's teams from Copiah-Lincoln, Southwest Mississippi, Pearl River, Northeast Mississippi, and Itawamba in having berths in the MACJC state tournament at Fulton, Feb. 25-28, with their 71-57 win over Jones Thursday night at Decatur.

The Warriors also beat Jones to remain in the chase for a berth in the state tournament.

The EC teams close out the regular season Thursday when they host Hinds. The women's game is set for 6 p.m. with the men following at 8 p.m.

• **Southwest women 76, EC 58:** The Lady Warriors dropped to 11-8 overall and 5-4 in the South Division with the loss at Summit on Feb. 11.

Southwest led 34-23 at halftime.

Nikki LaCour led EC with 13 points. Lori Cumberland and Trelisa Eichelberger scored eight apiece, Melinda Ben and Shaneka Cistrunk both had six, with Ashley Brown, Tamekia Foley, and Shelly Giddings each scoring five.

Southwest improved to 15-4 overall and 7-2 in division play.

• **Southwest men 82, EC 73:** The Bears carried a 41-30 lead into halftime in beating the Warriors on Feb. 11 at Summit.

EC (8-11, 3-6) got 27 points from Corey Hornsby, 11 from James Denson, 10 from Winfred Craig, and seven each from Maurice English, Demario Qualls, and Donzel Crenshaw.

Southwest upped its overall record to 16-3 and its league mark to 7-2.

• **EC women 71, Jones 57:** The Lady Warriors clinched a berth in the state tournament with Thursday's win over Jones at Decatur.

EC led 30-18 at halftime.

Nikki LaCour led EC (12-8, 6-4) with 24 points. Lori Cumberland and Ashley Brown both had 10 points with Tamekia Foley and Trelisa Eichelberger both scoring six and Christina Ford adding five.

Jones (8-13, 3-8) got 13 points from Andrea Austin and nine each from Thelma Cooper and Colette Bartee.

• **EC men 81, Jones 74:** The Warriors stayed in the hunt for a playoff berth with Thursday's win at Decatur.

EC took a 40-31 lead into halftime.

EC (9-11, 4-6) got 24 points from James Denson, 23 from Corey Hornsby, 15 from Winfred Craig, six each from Donzel Crenshaw and Demario Qualls, and five from Kevin Bobbitt.

Denson had 17 of his points in the second half.

The Bobcats (12-9, 6-5) got 13 points from Nick Paige and 11 each from M.J. Johnson, McKinley Bethea, and Lee J. Kirkpatrick.

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Week of 4 Feb 02

Lady Warriors notch two road wins; Warriors knock off Hinds

From special reports

JUCO BASKETBALL

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors returned to their winning ways last week by notching impressive road wins over Gulf Coast and Hinds, while the Warriors fell in a high-scoring affair to the host Bulldogs after earlier downing Hinds on the Utica campus.

The ECCC women, whose record stands at 10-6 overall and 4-3 in South Division, cruised past the Lady Bulldogs 60-44 Thursday night behind Nikki LaCour's 15 points. In addition to LaCour, a product of Natchitoches (La.) Central, other scorers were Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, 13; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, 11: Shelly Giddings of University (Penn.) City, eight; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, six; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, five; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, three; and Christina Ford of Enterprise, one.

EC held a commanding 30-16 lead at halftime.

The two teams met earlier in the season with the Lady Warriors posting an 81-71 decision.

The Warriors, now 6-10 and 2-5, scored a season-high 98 points but were outgunned by the Gulf Coast men who tallied 103 points and claimed their second win over East Central in regular season competition. Gulf Coast earlier claimed a 95-76 victory.

Former Choctaw Central standout

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In action against Hinds, LaCour's 10-foot jumper with two seconds remaining lifted the Lady Warriors to a 60-59 victory. An heroic finish was not needed for the Warriors who came away with a 67-60 decision.

LaCour and Cumberland each tallied 17 points to lead EC.

In games this week, the Lady Warriors and Warriors were slated travel to different locations on Monday; the women were to face Meridian Community College, and the men were to play Mississippi College's junior varsity at 5:15 p.m. on the Clinton campus.

EC squads host division foe Copiah-Lincoln Thursday.

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Lady Warriors stay in hunt

by Marty Stamper

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors improved their chances of making the MACJC state basketball tournament with South Division wins over Hinds and Gulf Coast in last week's action.

The Lady Warriors improved to 4-3 in the South Division and 10-6 overall. EC hosts nationally-ranked Copiah-Lincoln Thursday.

The Warriors won at Hinds and gave Gulf Coast a strong run before losing by five points. The EC men brought a 6-10 overall mark and a 2-5 division record into this week.

• **EC women 60, Hinds 59:** Nikki LaCour's 10-foot jumper with two seconds left kept Hinds winless in the Jan. 28 contest at Utica.

The Lady Warriors improved to 9-6 overall and 3-3 in the South Division.

LaCour and Lori Cumberland led the Lady Warriors with 17 points apiece. Christina Ford had eight, while Ashley Brown added six.

EC led 36-33 at halftime. Hinds dropped to 0-15.

• **EC men 67, Hinds 60:** The Warriors improved to 6-9 overall and 2-4 in the South Division with the Jan. 28 win at Utica.

Winfred Craig and Corey Hornsby led EC with 14 points apiece. James Denson scored 12, Maurice English had nine, Kevin Bobbitt eight, and Demario Qualls had six.

The Warriors led 31-24 at the break.

Hinds dropped to 9-6.

• **EC women 60, Gulf Coast 44:** The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 30-16 halftime advantage in taking Thursday's win at Perkinston.

The Lady Warriors improved to 10-6 overall and 4-3 in league play.

Nikki LaCour led EC with 15 points. Trelisa Eichelberger tossed in 13, Lori Cumberland had 11, Shelly Giddings eight, Tamekia Foley six, and Ashley Brown five.

Gulf Coast, 10-6 and 2-5, got 12 points from Ashley Lawson.

• **Gulf Coast men 103, EC 98:** The Warriors scored a season-high 98 points, but fell to the host Bulldogs Thursday at Perkinston.

Gulf Coast led 50-30 at halftime.

With the loss, EC dropped to 6-10 overall and 2-5 in the South Division.

James Denson led EC with 28 points and Winfred Craig tossed in 25. The Warriors also got 19 from Corey Hornsby, 14 from Maurice English, and eight from Demario Qualls.

Gulf Coast, 12-4 and 6-1, got 27 points from Orlando Lewis, 18 from Freeman Taylor, and 16 from Derrick Powe.

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Sport	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Basketball	Feb. 7	Copiah-Lincoln	Home	6:00
Basketball	Feb. 11	Southwest Mississippi	Away	6:00
Basketball	Feb. 14	Jones	Home	6:00
Basketball	Feb. 18	Pearl River	Away	6:00
Basketball	Feb. 21	Hinds	Home	6:00

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ECCC Sophomore Lady Warriors Honored

Sophomores on the East Central Community College women's basketball team were honored following their final home game of the 2001-02 season held February 21 with Hinds Community College in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Family members joined Lady Warriors, managers and coaches during the presentation. From left are Toby Bush, assistant coach; forward Trelisa Eichelberger and manager Danyell Hudson, both of Noxapater; guard/forward Christina Ford, Enterprise; guard Lori Cumberland, Leake Academy; guard Shelly Giddings, Universal City High School, Philadelphia, PA; guard Nikki LaCour, Natchitoches (La.) Central; Brad Hodge, head coach; and Carolyn Ford Nettles of Forest, mother of Lady Warrior La'Shonda "Smurf" Ford, who lost her life in an automobile accident following her freshman season. The Lady Warriors defeated Hinds 81-65 and completed regular season action with 139 record. The East Central women also qualified to compete in the MACJC and Region 23 tournaments.

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Sophomore standout Nikki LaCour, a product of Natchitoches Central in Louisiana led all scorers with 35 points. Also scoring for East Central were Tamekia Foley of Newton County, 12; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, nine; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, eight; Christina Ford of Enterprise, four; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, four; Shelly Giddings of University City(Penn.) High School, three; and Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, two.

Genice Terry of Raymond had 23 points to lead Meridian.

East Central won the Region 23 Tournament last year by posting a 91-71 thumping of Northwest Mississippi College. The Lady Warriors, who were led by Coach Sammy Pace, advanced to the NJCAA Tournament before completing season action with a 22-7 mark. pace retired following the 2001-02 term and was succeeded by his former assistant.

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Cumberland's 3 sends East Cent. to Regional

❑ Lady Warriors drop first-round tilt 89-80 to MCC

A 16-point halftime deficit was too much to overcome for the East Central Lady Warriors who fell 62-53 to the Southwest Mississippi Community College women in semi-final action of the MACJC Tournament held at Itawamba Community College in Fulton last week.

The Lady Warriors, 14-10 after that loss, were led by Nikki LaCour, who had 18 points.

Also scoring were Ashley Brown of Scott Central, eight; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, five; and Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, two.

Natasha Booth had 20 points to lead the Lady Bears, who held a 36-18 advantage over East Central at halftime. Southwest advanced to the title game where it lost 70-65 to Copiah-Lincoln.

The Lady Warriors preceded that loss with a win over Northeast.

Cumberland's three-point shot with just over a minute remaining and a pair of free throws from Shelly Giddings in the game's final seconds gave East Central a 70-67 upset win over Northeast Community College, the top-seeded women's team from the North Division.

East Central, the number-four seed from the South, was led by LaCour's 22 points. Cumberland and Christina Ford had 12 points each. Also scoring was Brown with eight.

Susan Spencer had 19 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Warriors led 40-30 at the break.

The Lady Warriors defended their Region 23 Tournament title from last season by facing Meridian Community College in first-round action at A.E. Wood Coliseum on the Mississippi College campus in Clinton.

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The East Central women, who finished the season with a 14-11 record under first-year head coach Brad Hodge, trailed by as many as 18 points (36-18) during the first half, but were able to trim the Meridian College lead to 40-30 at the break.

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Lady Warriors 7-1, down Delta Comm.

Fast-pitch softball competition is off to a fast start for East Central Community College's Lady Diamond Warriors who swept a double-header from Mississippi Delta Community College Thursday afternoon and improved to 7-1 for the 2002 campaign.

Sommer Averett was three-for-four and scored two runs in leading East Central to a 5-3 decision in the first contest. Rhonda Munn also scored a pair of runs. Emily Casey was the winning pitcher.

In the second game, EC cruised to a 15-3 victory. Anna Moore led the Lady Warriors' offensive attack, as she went three-for-three and scored two runs. She also collected three RBIs. April Bufkin picked up the win and also went three-for-four at the plate. In addition, Bufkin scored one run and had four RBIs.

East Central hosts Mississippi Delta on Thursday. Double-header action gets underway at 1:30 p.m.

The Lady Warriors resume play following spring break by hosting Southwest Mississippi Community College at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19.

Mike Anderson serves as head coach.

The Lady Warriors cut the lead to six at 78-72 with about three minutes remaining in the first-round contest, but could get no closer as the 12th-ranked Lady Eagles pulled away for the victory and improved to 29-2.

LaCour led all scorers with 35 points.

Also scoring for East Central were Tamekia Foley of Newton County, 12; Cumberland, eight; Brown, four; and Ben, two.

Genice Terry of Raymond had 26 points to lead Meridian Community College.

East Central won the Region 23 Tournament last year by posting a 91-71 thumping of Northwest Community College.

The Lady Warriors, who were led by Coach Sammy Pace, advanced to the NJCAA Tournament before completing season action with a 22-7 mark. Pace retired following the 2001-02 term and was succeeded by his former assistant.

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Lady Warriors' season ends

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors reached the semifinal round of the MACJC State Tournament at Itawamba Community College at Fulton last week where they lost to Southwest Mississippi.

The EC women, who came in seeded No. 4 from the South Division, knocked off North No. 1 Northeast Mississippi in first-round play as all four South Division teams eliminated the four North half teams in opening-round action on Feb. 26.

The Lady Warriors advanced to the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College where their season came to an end Monday night with an 89-80 loss to Meridian.

The defending Region 23 champions finished their season with a 14-11 record.

• **EC women 70, Northeast 67:** The Lady Warriors built a 40-30 lead in the first half as they ousted Northeast in quarterfinal action.

Lori Cumberland connected on a 3-pointer with about a minute remaining and Shelly Giddings made a pair of free throws in the final seconds to secure the upset.

Nikki LaCour led EC, 14-9, with 22 points. Cumberland and Christina Ford both scored a dozen points. Tamekia Foley and Ashley Brown both had eight, while Giddings and Shaneka Cistrunk both had four.

EC led by as many as 13 points in the second half before the Lady Tigers made a late run.

Northeast, 12-9, got 19 points from Susan Spencer, 12 from Katie Walker, 11 from Mica Browning, and 10 from Lisa Moore.

Northeast was only 14-of-23 at the free-throw line.

• **Southwest women 62, EC 53:** The Lady Warriors were knocked out of the state tournament with Wednesday's loss to the Lady Bears.

Southwest doubled EC 36-18 in the first half to improve to 19-5.

EC, 14-10, got 18 points from Nikki LaCour, eight from Ashley Brown, seven from Trelisa Eichelberger, six from Melinda Ben, and five from Patsy McKee.

• **Meridian women 89, EC 80:** The Lady Warriors saw their season end with Monday's loss to 12th-ranked Meridian in the Region 23 Tournament at Clinton.

Nikki LaCour led EC, 14-11, with a game-high 35 points. Tamekia Foley tossed in 12, Shaneka Cistrunk scored nine, Lori Cumberland eight, and Christina Ford seven.

MCC, 29-2, got 27 points from Genice Terry, 23 from Monique Horner, and 17 from Tijwana Collins.

MCC led 40-30 at halftime.

MCC led by as many as 16 points on several occasions before the Lady Warriors got back to within 76-70 with 4:22 remaining on a driving layup by LaCour past Horner.,

LaCour scored the final 12 points for the Lady Warriors.

The Lady Eagles were 11-of-14 at the free-throw line over the final 4:18 to preserve the victory.

For the game, MCC made 30 of its 39 free throws, while EC was 16-of-22 at the free-throw line.

The Lady Eagles also connnected on seven 3-point baskets, while EC hit just two times from beyond the arc, both by Cumberland.

East Central Comm. College Sports Calendar

Sport	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Softball	March 7	Mississippi Delta (DH)	Home	1:30
Baseball	March 8	Gulf Coast (DH)	Away	4:00
Baseball	March 16	Pearl River (DH)	Away	1:00
Tennis	March 19	Jones	Away	2:00
Softball	March 19	Southwest (DH)	Home	1:30
Golf	March 19	Meridian Tournament	Northwood	TBA
Baseball	March 20	Copiah-Lincoln (DH)	Home	2:00
Golf	March 20	Jones Tournament	Hattiesburg	TBA
Tennis	March 21	Hinds	Home	2:00
Baseball	March 23	Southwest (DH)	Home	1:00
Softball	March 23	Copiah-Lincoln (DH)	Home	11:00

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Lady Eagles defeat East Central

Meridian fends off Lady Warriors' repeat attempt

REGION 23 TOURNAMENT

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

CLINTON — Monday's quarterfinal matchup between Meridian Community College and East Central Community College in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College was just about what you'd expect from the programs that have owned the event for the last three years.

MCC 89
ECCC 80

MCC built a 16-point lead in the first half and held off the defending region champion Lady Warriors down the stretch to take an 89-80 victory. The 29-2 Lady Eagles advance to the semifinal round on Wednesday where they will play 20-6 Southwest Mississippi, a 68-54 first-round winner over Northeast Mississippi, at noon.

MCC is ranked No. 12 in the final NJCAA poll, while Southwest is No. 25.

MCC and Southwest met on Feb. 5 at Summit with the hot-shooting Lady Bears handing the Lady Eagles one of their two losses after scoring 57 first-half points.

The MCC-ECCC battle featured several stellar individual scoring efforts. Nikki LaCour led the Lady Warriors with a game-high 35 points which included ECCC's last 12 points.

"East Central has got a fine basketball team and Nikki LaCour is certainly a fine basketball player," MCC coach Hilary Allen said. "She put them on her shoulders and carried them the last four or five minutes of the game. She's tough to stop. I give them all the credit in the world. It's a tournament and that's the kind of challenge that we expected."

"She stepped up," ECCC coach Brad Hodge said of the 5-foot-9 sophomore from Natchitoches, La. "She knew that somebody had to put the ball in the hole."

MCC, which won the 1999 and 2000 regionals, got 50 points from the duo of Genice Terry and Monique Horner. Terry tossed in 27 with Horner adding 23. The two accounted for four of MCC's seven 3-point baskets.

"Those two did have a great game," Allen said. "We're a little beat up right now. Cantea (Brown) has got a sprained ankle and Tijwana (Collins) has got a sprained thumb. Felicia (Washington) has got a sore back, so we're trying to survive. Hopefully, we can rest and relax (Tuesday) and get some of those things worked out and be able to go on Wednesday."

MCC scored the game's first six points only to have ECCC go on a 7-0 run to take its only lead of the night at 7-6 with 16:05 to go in the first half.

The Lady Eagles answered with a 10-0 run to go up 16-7 and were ahead 29-13 with 8:19 left in the first half after an 8-0 run.

MCC led by 16 points on four occasions in the first half thanks to four 3-point baskets. The Lady Eagles led 38-22 before ECCC used an 8-0 run to close to within 40-30 at halftime.

A basket by Horner gave MCC another 16-point advantage at 54-38 with 15 minutes remaining.

A 6-0 run capped by a driving layup by LaCour

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cut MCC's lead to 62-55 with 8:39 left.

A 4-of-6 showing at the free-throw line by Horner and Terry extended MCC's lead back to 68-56 with 7:49 left. Horner went 1-of-2 twice with MCC getting the offensive rebound after both misses.

A basket apiece by Tamekia Foley and LaCour pulled the Lady Warriors back to within 76-70 with 4:22 still showing.

Unlike last year when MCC was eliminated with a first-round loss to Pearl River, this year's Lady Eagles didn't wilt down the stretch. In fact, 11 of their final 13 points came at the free-throw line over the final 4:18. Horner made 5-of-8 tries during that span, while Terry was 4-of-4.

The Lady Eagles were 9-of-12 at the charity line over the final 2:12. For the game, MCC made 30 of its 39 free throws while ECCC made 16 of its 22.

"That's pretty dadgum good," Allen said. "I've got some guards that can flat shoot some free throws and 30-of-39 is certainly very worthy."

"The last five minutes they didn't miss many free throws and if you want to win championships, you've got to make them in the last five minutes," Hodge said. "They did a good job of that."

MCC also got 17 points from Collins, who hit three 3-pointers; eight from Washington, and six each from Brown and Nikki Yarbrough.

ECCC got 12 points from Foley, nine from Shaneka Cistrunk, eight from Lori Cumberland, seven from Christina Ford, and six from Ashley Brown. The Lady Warriors finished their season with a 14-11 mark.

"I'm very, very proud of the effort those girls gave," Hodge said. "We started out very tentative and very sluggish and came back and had it to six with

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three minutes to go. We came down and missed a shot and had another chance to cut it to five.

"We dug ourself a big hole early, but I can't fault the effort of our girls. I can't express the pride I have."

In Monday's other women's games, Itawamba eliminated Pearl River 65-61 and seventh-ranked Copiah-Lincoln ousted Northwest Mississippi 73-68.

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ECCC's LaCour Wins MVP Honors Following South All-Stars' 97-70 Victory

DECATUR--East Central Community College basketball standout Nikki LaCour poured in 20 points and led the South All-Stars to a 97-70 rout of the North Thursday night in the annual MACJC All-Star Games held at the Choctaw Central High School gym.

LaCour, a product of Natchitoches (La.) High School, was named most valuable player following her performance. Lady Warrior Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy also played a key role in the South's victory and added six points.

Also scoring for the South were Christy Brown of Copiah-Lincoln, 12; Dee Flennory of Pearl River and Mindy Livaudais of Copiah-Lincoln, 10 each; Traci Forrest of Southwest, nine; Nathasha Booth of Southwest and Wanda Farmer of Gulf Coast, eight each; Colette White of Southwest, seven; Nykeshia Carter of Jones, four; and Brittany Sumrall and Demesha Chambers, both of Jones, two each. Mark Swindle of Southwest served as head coach.

North point makers were Monica Lee of Holmes, 10; Chassidy Jackson of Northeast, nine; Susan Spencer of Northeast, eight; Casper Bobo of Itawamba, seven; Schneka Harris of Coahoma and Donna Franklin of East Mississippi, six each; Katie Walker of Northeast, and Shanna Woodruff and Rakita Jones, both of Itawamba, five each; and Jennifer Hanna and Andrea Carothers, both of Northwest and Shirley Gooch of Mississippi Delta, four each. Don Edwards of Northwest served as head coach.

The South led 51-40 at halftime.

In the men's game, the North All-Stars rallied for a 128-123 win over the South behind B. J. Townsend of Holmes and Jason Rogan of Northwest, who each had 22 points. Townsend was named most valuable player.

Other North scorers were Khamari Ballard of Northwest, 16; Greg Tucker of Holmes, 15; Trent Vaughn of Itawamba, 12; Andre Amos of Northwest, 10; Dennis Dupree of East Mississippi and Prince Thompson of Itawamba, seven each; Issac Greenwood of Holmes and Shun Jenkins of Itawamba, six each; and Alvin Harris II of Coahoma, two.

Don Skelton of Northwest served as head coach.

South point makers were Wesley Haynes of Southwest, 21; Marquiz Moltrie of Gulf Coast, 19; Edward Mack of Hinds, 17; James Denson of East Central and a former standout at Choctaw Central, 16; Brandon Griffin of Southwest, 13; Wand Steward of Pearl River and B. J. Black of Copiah-Lincoln, 12 each; Willie Breland of Gulf Coast, six; Chris Parker of Hinds, three; and Nick Paige of Jones, two. Winfred Craig of East Central and a former standout at Louisville also saw action.

Bill Wallace of Southwest served as head coach.

The South held a 56-52 advantage at halftime.

Sponsors of the MACJC All-Star Basketball Games are Silver Star Resort and Casino, Choctaw Central High School, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi Sports Medicine, Pepsi Cola and East Central Community College.

Tickets On Sale for ECCC's 'Footloose'

DECATUR--Tickets are now on sale for the East Central Community College Players' presentation of "Footloose," which begins Thursday, April 11, and runs through Saturday, April 13.

Performances will be held in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus and begin each evening at 7 o'clock.

For more information or to reserve tickets phone 635-2111, ext. 215, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

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Neshoba stars sign with EC

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By MITCH LUCAS
Sports Writer

JUCO BASKETBALL

Five area basketball players who contributed heavily to their teams' seasons were to sign to continue their careers at East Central Community College this week.

Neshoba Central had four players — girls Miranda Rosar, Elyse Willis, and boys Tawon and Tavares Walker — scheduled to sign. Philadelphia's Tellas Burnside was slated to sign with ECCC, as well.

Tawon Walker averaged 20.6 points per game and was The Neshoba Democrat's Boys Player of the Year; his twin brother Tavares, teammate Desmond Jones and Burnside, who helped Philadelphia to a 21-10 finish, were all solid player of the year candidates.

On the girls' side, Rosar and Willis stood tall for the Lady Rockets, helping the team and first-year coach Susan Fox-Smith to a respectable 22-11 record.

Neshoba's girls were the host of the Division 2-4A tournament, and lost to West Point 51-47 in the semifinals. Rosar scored 15 in the game to lead Neshoba; Willis added six.

Denson nets 16 vs. All-Stars

From special reports

Former Choctaw Central High School star James Denson returned to familiar territory Thursday night, taking part in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star men's basketball game at his alma mater.

Denson, now with the East Central Community College Warriors, scored 16 points, but

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Denson's all-star squad, the south, came up five points short; the North All-Stars took a 128-123 victory, largely on 18 three-point shots.

B.J. Townsend of Holmes scored 20 points for the North All-Stars and was named the game's most valuable player.

The game's top scorer was Northwest Community College's Jason Rogan, with 22 points. The leading scorers for the South All-Stars: Wesley Haynes of Southwest with 21 points; Marquez Moultrie, of Gulf Coast, with 19; and Edward Mack of Hinds, who scored 17.

The South All-Stars were impressive in the women's contest, notching a 97-70 win.

East Central's Nikki LaCour led the South effort with 20 points. LaCour won the women's most valuable player honors.

It was the second consecutive year a Lady Warrior earned the distinction. Anna Udicova was last year's MVP.

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ECCC's Hodge, Smith sign

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

JUCO Hoops

DECATUR — While it wasn't Christmas morning, East Central Community College women's first-year basketball coach Brad Hodge and first-year men's coach Bill Smith were proud to show off their new signees for the 2002-03 school year Monday night at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Hodge added seven new players Monday and is expected to sign another today.

Monday's signees include 6-foot forward Kimyatta Viverette from Lake. She averaged 14 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 blocks as a senior and was the division Most Valuable Player two years and was all-division three times. Viverette has been selected to the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game and was picked to the Mississippi Association of Coaches all-state team in 2001 and 2002. Lake finished 27-4 this year after going 34-3 and winning the Class 1A state championship a year ago.

Miranda Rosar is a 5-foot-11 forward/center from Neshoba Central. She averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds as a senior and is a three-time all-Division 2-4A selection. The Lady Rockets went 22-11 this year after going 28-11 and reaching the Class 4A state semifinals a year ago.

Also signing from Neshoba Central is Elyse Willis, a 5-foot-5 guard who averaged 10 points, 7 assists, and 2 rebounds as a senior. She was a 73 percent free-throw shooter. Willis is a four-time all-Division 2-4A pick and was chosen to the 2001 Class 4A all-state team. She played with the Mississippi all-star team in Australia last summer.

Newton's Lenore Gray is a 6-foot forward/center who averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Lady Tigers went 27-7 and advanced to the Class 2A state tournament. She was picked to the 2002 Division 5-2A, Class 2A MAC all-state, and Class 2A all-state tournament teams. She has been named to the Mississippi All-Star Game.

Scott Central has a pair of players bound for ECCC in Britney Burks and Kattie Nickson. Burks, a 5-foot-7 guard, averaged 22 points, 7 rebounds, and 6 assists this past year. She was a four-year all-division selection and a three-time MAC all-state pick. As a sophomore, Burks started on Scott Central's Class 1A state champion team. Burks finished her prep career with over 2,400 points and is Scott's all-time career scoring leader. She has also been picked for the Mississippi All-Star Game.

Nickson is a 5-foot-9 forward who averaged 20 points and 12 rebounds as the Lady Rebels went 19-15. A four-year all-division selection, Nickson tallied over 1,400 career points and played on Scott Central's 2000 state championship squad.

Adding depth to the inside game is South Leake's Monique Overstreet, a 5-foot-10 forward who averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds as a senior for the 20-6 Wildkittens. She was a 2002 all-Division 5-2A choice and was named to the East Central Classic all-tournament team.

Hodge expected to sign Rita Birden, a 5-foot-10 guard from St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., this morning. Birden averaged 12 points, 5 rebounds, 3.5 assists, and 3 steals for the Class AA state champions. She was selected MVP in the AA state tournament and is a first-team all-state pick in Louisiana. She will play in the Louisiana All-Star Game.

"District-wise, it's a very solid class," Hodge said. "We've got very skilled players at each position. Most of them are academically very strong.

"We're excited to have them. With the group we've got coming back next year, we feel very good at this time."

All come from winning programs.

"You look at how many state champions or district MVPs or all-state players and it's just a solid group," Hodge said. "We're going to add some more before it's over with, but we feel good at this time. If we can put a good out-of-state group with them, it'll be a good freshman class."

ECCC can sign three out-of-staters.

Smith signed six incoming freshmen including two from both Neshoba Central and Northeast Lauderdale for the men's team.

Signing from Neshoba Central are twins Tawon Walker and Tavares Walker. Both were named all-Division 2-4A. Tawon (6-2, 160) averaged 20.6 points, 3.1 steals, and 4.4 rebounds and was named the Most Valuable Player of the East Central Classic.

Tavares (6-2, 160) averaged 11.7 points, 2.4 steals, and 3.7 rebounds and was selected to the East Central Classic

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all-tournament team. The Rockets finished 23-10 and were the Division 2-4A runner-up.

Inking with the Warriors from Northeast Lauderdale are Stephen Dyess and Jamaal Martin.

Dyess (6-2) averaged 12 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals and was all-Division 5-4A.

Martin (6-foot) averaged 18 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals and led the Trojans with 69 3-point field goals. Martin has been picked for the Mississippi All-Star Game and was all-Division 5-4A. Northeast went 24-8 and made the Class 4A South State playoffs.

"We've got the kids in the district that can come in and help us if they qualify and do the things they've got to do," Smith said. "The two from Northeast Lauderdale are a good sign for us. We were competing with a couple of other colleges for them and they decided to come to East Central, so that tells us something about our program."

Newton County's Al Willis and Philadelphia's Tellas Burnside also inked with the Warriors.

Willis (5-8) was all-Division 5-3A twice. He averaged 17 points, 4.5 rebounds, 7 assists, and 3.5 steals as a senior as the Cougars went 15-10.

Burnside (5-10) was also all-Division 5-3A two times. As a senior, he averaged 15.5 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 4.8 assists for the Tornadoes, 21-10.

"We've got commitments from two other kids that we haven't signed yet, but it looks like we're going to have at least four out-of-district kids," Smith said.

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Four-year coaches

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

PHILADELPHIA — As expected, quite a few four-year school coaches found their way to Choctaw Central High School Thursday night for the 25th-annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College All-Star Basketball Games.

Coaches attending the games included Glenn Schmidt of MUW, Craig Roden of West Georgia, Rick Petri of South Alabama, Andy Stoglin and Chris Giles of Jackson State, John Stroud of Millsaps, Steve Rives of Delta State, Nate Kirkland of Mississippi Valley State, Don Lofton, Caroline McQueen, Paul Allen Duke, and Kenny Bizot of Mississippi College, Billy Evans of Belhaven, Duane Padgett of Arkansas-Monticello, LaRon Brumfield, Teco Hicks, and Frank McCormick of William Carey, Eric Dumas of Southeastern Louisiana, Ron Marvel and Charles Hervey of Central Arkansas, Jeff Britt of Bethel College, Rick Reedy and Chris Coker of West Alabama, Jack Mason of Blue Mountain, Jeff Walton of Cumberland (Kent.), and Paul Peck of Cumberland (Tenn.).

Also represented were Louisiana-Monroe, Tougaloo, and Mobile College.

Haynes wins dunk comp

Wesley Haynes, a 6-foot-4 guard/forward from Southwest Mississippi, won the slam dunk competition, beating East Central's James Denson in a two-man dunkoff after both were tied at the end of their first two dunks.

Denson, the hometown favorite after playing football and basketball at CCHS, missed his first attempt in the dunkoff, forcing him to go for a spectacular dunk over a player on his second try. The second attempt also misfired.

Judges for the event were veteran official Paul Lyle, Philadelphia mayor Rayburn Waddell, and former East Central and Ole Miss player Ray Waddell.

Haynes went on to score a team-high 21 points for the South in its 128-123 loss in the men's game.

ALL-STAR NOTEBOOK

OU's out, 'T' ain't staying

Walter (T) Wilson, girls' basketball coach at Choctaw Central, was one of thousands who attended the NCAA Final Four semifinals Saturday night in Atlanta.

When Wilson's beloved Oklahoma Sooners bit the dust, it was time to sell the tickets to Monday's championship game and head on back to Philadelphia.

Wilson, a native of Oklahoma, also attended the Orange Bowl two years ago when the Sooners won the national championship.

Knocking them down

East Central's Nikki LaCour and Lori Cumberland showed off their free-throw shooting skills in the South's 97-70 blowout in the women's game as they combined to make 14-of-15 attempts.

LaCour, who was named MVP and is expected to sign with Louisiana-Monroe on Wednesday, was 8-of-8, while Cumberland was 6-of-7.

Cooper liked what he saw

Itawamba men's coach Marty Cooper was fresh off an appearance in the NJCAA men's national championship at Hutchinson, Kan.

The Indians beat Coastal Georgia in their first game before losing to top-ranked Schoolcraft (Mich.). ICC finished 1-2 in the event. Cooper previously coached at East Central.

"It was very exciting to go out there, especially after 11 years personally in the league and missing out a couple of times there at East Central," Cooper said. "It's just a great feeling to get to go out there. It's a first-class tournament and you get to play against some of the best teams in the country. There's about six teams out of that 16 that we wouldn't be able to touch. There were some pretty good ballteams.

"We played some pretty good teams and I was proud of our guys."

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DECATUR.— A water-sogged field at East Central Community College hardly seemed like the proper backdrop for a good defensive baseball game Thursday night, but that was exactly the case as the homestanding Warriors took a 7-6 win over East Mississippi Community College in the second-annual Judges Cup game. Each team committed only one error in the nine-inning contest. East Central turned in at least five sparkling defensive plays, while East Mississippi had two including a rare triple play n the bottom of the first inning.

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shop MACJC games

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UP IN THE AIR

South's B.J. Black (40), representing Co-Lin and North's Kenny Green (50), representing MS Delta, go up against each other during MACJC All Star game in Choctaw Thursday night.

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Franklin's return to hoops pays off

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

PHILADELPHIA — Donna Franklin didn't plan on playing basketball at East Mississippi Community College when she enrolled following her graduation from Meridian High School.

In fact, she spent her first year at EMCC playing on the Lady Lions slow-pitch softball team. But she would return to the court before leaving Scooba.

Franklin did well enough to be chosen to the North team in the 25th annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Women's All-Star Basketball Game Thursday at Choctaw Central High School. Tipoff for the women's game is 6 p.m.

"She actually came here to play softball," EMCC women's basketball coach Dale Peay said. "She played softball her first year, softball and basketball her second year, and just basketball this year."

Franklin averaged 10.1 points and 8.7 rebounds this year as the Lady Lions went 5-17.

"She was a good leader for us," Peay said. "She was our second-leading scorer and our leading rebounder. She's the kind of young lady you enjoy having on your team because she enjoys playing the game.

"She led our team in taking charges which is a very important stat for us. We have to take one a game or they all have to run. Her teammates all cheered when she'd step in there and take one. It didn't matter to her who was coming."

Also on the North roster are Schneka Harris of Coahoma, Shana Woodruff (12 ppg, 3.3 rpg), Casper Bobo (11 ppg, 5 steals), and Rakita Jones (9.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg) of Itawamba, Monica Lee of Holmes, Shirley Gooch of Mississippi Delta, Katie Walker and Susan Spencer of Northeast, and Chassidy Jackson, Jennifer Hanna, and Audrea Carothers of Northwest. Northwest's Don Edwards will coach the North team.

Representing East Central Community College on the South team are Nikki LaCour (19.1 ppg) and Lori Cumberland (9.5 ppg). LaCour has committed to the University of Louisiana-Monroe. The Lady Warriors were 14-11 this year after winning Region 23 a year ago. LaCour was the lone returning starter.

"This is a reward for both Nikki and Lori for the year they've had and the commitment they've made to us," ECCC coach Brad Hodge said. "They're both special kids and they've earned it. I'm proud for both of them.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. Nikki, without a doubt, will be one of the best players in the game, in my opinion."

Other area players on the South roster are Brittany Sumrall (7.9 ppg) and Demesha Chambers (8.4 ppg) of Jones Junior College. The Lady Bobcats were 8-14 this season.

The South should be a heavy favorite in the women's game. At the state and Region 23 tournaments, the South teams went 7-1 against the North and no players from South Division doormat Hinds, 1-21, were selected.

"It'll be an exciting time," Hodge said. "Obviously, the South's roster looks pretty strong. The last couple of years have been very competitive games that have come down to the last couple of minutes."

The South has Mindy Livaudais (14.9 ppg, 9.7 rpg) and Christy Brown (13.5 ppg, 11.3 rpg) of state and region champion Copiah-Lincoln. Also on the South are Nykeshia Carter and Wanda Farmer of Gulf Coast, Dee Flennory (11 ppg, 5 rpg) of Pearl River, and Traci Forrest, Colette White (7.6 ppg, 4.5 rgp), and Natasha Booth (8.5 ppg, 6 rpg) of state and region runner-up Southwest. Mark Swindle of Southwest will coach the South women.

JUCO Hoops

25th Annual MACJC All-Star Rosters

South Women

Player	Ht.	School
Mindy Livaudais	6-0	Co-Lin
Christy Brown	5-9	Co-Lin
Nikki LaCour	5-9	East Central
Lori Cumberland	5-9	East Central
Nykeshia Carter	5-10	Gulf Coast
Wanda Farmer	5-8	Gulf Coast
Brittany Sumrall	5-4	Jones
Demesha Chambers	5-5	Jones
Dee Flennory	5-6	Pearl River
Traci Forrest	5-9	Southwest
Collette White	5-11	Southwest
Natasha Booth	5-9	Southwest
Coach: Mark Swindle		

North Women

Player	Ht.	School
Schneka Harris	NA	Coahoma
Shana Woodruff	5-6	Itawamba
Casper Bobo	5-7	Itawamba
Rakita Jones	5-11	Itawamba
Donna Franklin	5-9	East Mississippi
Monica Lee	5-11	Holmes
Shirley Gooch	5-10	Miss. Delta
Katie Walker	5-7	Northeast
Susan Spencer	6-0	Northeast
Chassidy Jackson	5-7	Northwest
Jennifer Hanna	5-8	Northwest
Audrea Carothers	6-0	Northwest
Coach: Don Edwards	Northwest	

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MCBI to host Juco All-Stars

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

PHILADELPHIA — The 25th-annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Basketball games are slated for Thursday night at Choctaw Central High School.

The games are hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. The women will tip off at 6 p.m. with the men's game slated for 8 p.m.

The men's game will serve as a homecoming for former Choctaw Central standout James Denson, who played on two state championship teams at CCHS. Denson recently completed his juco career at East Central Community College.

Other area players picked are Winfred Craig, Nikki LaCour, and Lori Cumberland of East Central; Donna Franklin and Dennis Dupree of East Mississippi Community College; and Brittany Sumrall, Demesha Chambers, Nick Paige, and Chris Keyes of Jones Junior College.

Mark Swindle of Southwest Mississippi will coach the South women, Bill Wallace of Southwest will coach the South men, Don Edwards of Northwest Mississippi will coach the North women, and Don Skelton of Northwest will coach the North men.

"It is what everybody looks to as how to run a first-class all-star game," ECCC women's coach Brad Hodge said. "All the other junior colleges around the Southeast have looked to us and tried to take some notes on how to handle it and administer it.

"With the support of the Silver Star Casino, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and Choctaw Central High School, it is a first-class event.

"It definitely will be well-attended. We'll probably have 150-200 senior college coaches there minimum.

"And this year, James Denson will be playing and he's Mr. Choctaw Central. He's a special guy and I know they'll be there to support him.

"I'm excited about this year's event."

Copiah-Lincoln's women and Itawamba's men both recently played in national tournaments. The Lady Wolves have two players selected, while the ICC Indians have three players chosen to play.

"Maybe some scouts will be coming that might not have been because of them," ECCC men's coach Bill Smith said. "It should be quite a few there."

Players report Wednesday at 1 p.m. Each team will practice twice on Wednesday and once on Thursday.

There will also be a free coaches clinic held at the Silver Star Conference Center on Thursday. Rick Petri, head women's coach at the University of South Alabama, will speak at 3 p.m. followed by Millsaps College head men's coach John Stroud at 4 p.m.

"Rick has been there two years and probably had the best turnaround they've had there in a while," Hodge said.

"John is a Mississippi junior college guy. He coached the men at East Mississippi before going to Millsaps. He's been in the league and is a former player at Ole Miss.

"Both of those are good X-and-O coaches. I think coach Petri is one of the best motion coaches in the Southeast for women."

One of the state's top stars, Northeast Mississippi's Qyntel Woods, will not play as he has dropped out of school and will be at the Phoenix Suns camp that day.

Woods averaged 32.4 points and 9.6 rebounds for the Tigers who finished 11-12.

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DECATUR — The East Central Community College Players will present "Footloose" April 11-13 in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are $10 a person. For ticket information, call the college switchboard at 635-2111, ext. 215.

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DECATUR — The Annual Spring Art Show and Chorale Spring Concert is set for April 18 at East Central Community College.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium and artwork can be viewed before or after the program. There is no admission.

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Denson headlines men's JuCo game

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

JuCo Hoops

PHILADELPHIA — It's not every day a living legend can turn back the hands of time, but James Denson will attempt to do it briefly Thursday night.

Denson, who started on Choctaw Central's 1998 Class 2A state championship team and was the main cog on the 1999 state title squad, will be one of the main points of interest in the 25th-annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Men's All-Star Basketball Game Thursday at Choctaw Central High School. Tipoff is slated for 8 p.m.

The 1997-98 Choctaw Central team can lay claim to being the best in school history as the Warriors went 39-2.

The Warriors beat Hinds AHS 72-71 in the 2A state semifinals with Denson scoring seven points and then handled Calhoun City 83-72 in the finals with Denson scoring 10 points.

The 1998-99 team went 27-9, including a breeze through the state tournament as the Warriors beat Nettleton 52-45, Taylorsville 66-49, and Shelby Broad Street 70-54.

Denson scored 17 points against Nettleton, 15 against Taylorsville, and 25 against Broad Street. In addition to the point total against Broad Street, Denson also had 12 rebounds, eight steals, five assists, and four blocked shots.

"He was unbelievable," veteran Broad Street coach Isaiah Peterson said. "We couldn't even slow him down."

"Any time we needed a big bucket or a big rebound, James got it for us," Choctaw Central coach Walter Wilson said. "He's just a great player."

Denson will represent East Central Community College, along with ECCC teammate Winfred Craig.

More than that, however, Denson will also represent the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, who sponsor the men's and women's all-star games.

junior year with Ivan (Billie), Randy (Tangle), Corey (Bell), and Sylvester (Samuel). That was a pretty good team."

Denson was the only returning starter for the 1998-99 campaign which also resulted in a state championship. Few Warrior fans expected a repeat.

"They did not," Denson recalled. "We were doubted more that year. That really helped us out for us to come together and show that we could do it."

Denson signed a football scholarship with Samford University out of high school, but transferred to ECCC where he played basketball the last two years.

"I played for a year and got in a couple games, but my heart wasn't really there," Denson said of football.

"I really wanted to play basketball. Hearing a ball bounce on the top floor when Samford was practicing and we were in football meetings made me wish I was playing (basketball)."

Denson transferred to ECCC and will leave content with his decision. He was ECCC's Best Offensive Player and Rebound Award winner as a freshman. This year's awards have not been announced.

"I'm satisfied. I couldn't ask for more," Denson said. "I'm glad I came here. I don't regret it."

Denson was recently elected Mr. ECCC by the student body at the Decatur school.

"That was a surprise," said Denson, who is a Dean's List scholar majoring in sports medicine.

He hopes to continue his playing career at a four-year school.

"I'm going to decide after this all-star game," Denson said. "Hopefully, I'll get more offers than I have now. I've got a couple already, but I'm still looking."

"He should have quite a bit of interest from the community and the fans on the reservation," ECCC men's coach Bill Smith said.

"He has represented the tribe and Choctaw Central and East Central very well. He's a well-liked individual and, hopefully, we're going to showcase him in this all-star game."

Denson averaged 16.5 points and 5.8 rebounds as a sophomore as the ECCC Warriors went 10-12 and barely missed making the state tournament. He had a season-high of 34 points.

Denson has been hobbled slightly for a little over a week with an injury to his left foot.

"I'm looking forward to it," Denson said of the return to CCHS. "Hopefully, I will be more relaxed. I'm comfortable there.

"We had some good teams when I was there, especially my

Craig, who played at Louisville High School, averaged 13.4 points and 5.2 rebounds. He had a season-high of 25 points.

Other area players on the South team are Nick Paige (12.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg) and Chris Keyes (10.1 ppg, 6.1 rpg) of Jones Junior College. East Mississippi's Dennis Dupree is on the North squad.

Also on the South team are B.J. Black (13.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg) of Copiah-Lincoln, Willie Breland (11 ppg, 7 rpg) and Marquez Moultrie (12 ppg, 5 apg) of Gulf Coast, Edward Mack (17 ppg, 4 rpg) and Chris Parker (12 ppg, 6.5 rpg) of Hinds, Wand Steward of Pearl River, and Brandon Griffin (12 ppg, 7 rpg) and Wesley Haynes (11 ppg, 7 rpg) of Southwest. Bill Wallace of Southwest will coach the South.

Other North team members

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East Central Community College's James Denson drives to the hoop in action earlier this season.

25TH ANNUAL MACJC MEN'S ALL-STAR ROSTER

South Men			North Men		
Player	Ht.	School	Player	Ht.	School
B.J. Black	6-4	Co-Lin	Alvin Harris II	NA	Coahoma
James Denson	6-0	East Central	Shun Jenkins	6-6	Itawamba
Winfred Craig	6-4	East Central	Trent Vaughn	6-4	Itawamba
Willie Breland	6-6	Gulf Coast	Prince Thompson	6-3	Itawamba
Marquez Moultrie	6-2	Gulf Coast	Dennis Dupree	6-1	East Mississippi
Edward Mack	NA	Hinds	B.J. Townsend	6-4	Holmes
Chris Parker	NA	Hinds	Isaac Greenwood	6-5	Holmes
Nick Paige	6-3	Jones	Greg Tucker	6-2	Holmes
Chris Keyes	6-3	Jones	Kenneth Green	6-7	Miss. Delta
Wand Steward	5-9	Pearl River	Jason Rogan	6-3	Northwest
Brandon Griffin	6-7	Southwest	Andre Amos	6-3	Northwest
Wesley Haynes	6-4	Southwest	Khamari Ballard	5-10	Northwest
Coach: Bill Wallace		Southwest	**Coach:** Don Skelton		Northwest

are Alvin Harris (11 ppg, 9 rpg) of Coahoma, Shun Jenkins, Trent Vaughn (18 ppg, 8 rpg), and Prince Thompson (10.1 ppg, 4.5 apg) of Region 23 champion Itawamba. B.J. Townsend, Isaac Greenwood, and Greg Tucker of MACJC state champion Holmes, Kenneth Green (10 ppg, 9.5 rpg) of Mississippi Delta, and Jason Rogan (19.8 ppg, 6 apg), Andre Amos (10.9 ppg, 4.7 rpg), and Khamari Ballard (11.4 ppg, 6.1 apg) of Northwest. Don Skelton of Northwest will coach the North.

WEEK OF 15 April 02

ECCC women sign solid crop

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors signed a solid group of basketball players from their district, including three from *The Carthaginian's* coverage area.

Brittney Burks and Kattie Nickson of Scott Central and Monique Overstreet of South Leake all signed with ECCC last week.

The group signing occured during ceremonies held April 8 at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Also signing from within the Lady Warriors' district for 2002-03 were Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, Miranda Rosar and Elyse Willis, both of Neshoba Central and Lenore Gray of Newton.

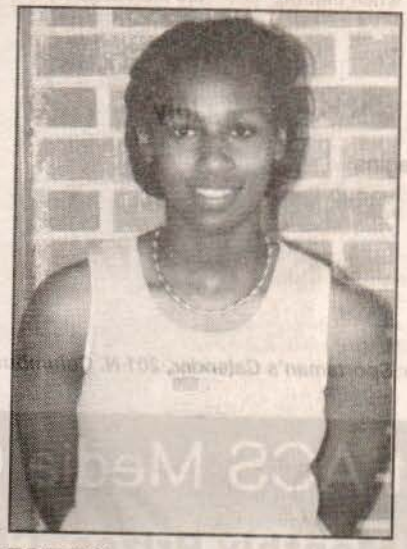
Rita Birden, St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., signed as an out-of-state player.

Overstreet, a 5-10 forward, averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game for the Wildkittens.

She was named All-District following the 2001-2002 season and played for Richard Rivers at South Leake.

Burks averaged 20 points, seven rebounds and five assists her senior year with the Scott Central Lady Rebels.

She was a five-time All-Division player during her high school career and was named to the Class 1A All-State team following the Lady Rebels 2000 state championship.



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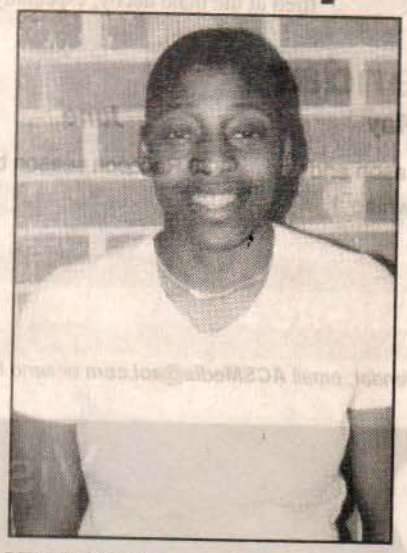

NICKSON

Burks was also recently selected to play in this summer's Mississippi All-Star Girls Basketball game.

Nickson averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds her senior year at SCHS.

She also was a five-time All-Division selection and a 2000 Class 1A All-State player.

Burks and Nickson both began playing varsity basketball for Chad Harrison in the eighth grade.

Brad Hodge is the head coach of the East Central women's squad.

Warriors sign six

The East Central Warriors signed six players last week for the 2002-03 season.

Tawon Walker and Tavares Walker, both of Neshoba Central High School; Tellas Burnside, Philadelphia High School and Al Willis, Newton County High School, were in-district signees for East Central.

Stephen Dyess and Jamaal Martin, both of Northeast Lauderdale High School, signed from outside the district.

Billy Smith is the head coach of the East Central men's squad.

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ECCC's LaCour Wins MVP Honors Following South All-Stars' 97-70 Victory

East Central Community College basketball standout Nikki LaCour poured in 20 points and led the South All-Stars to a 97-70 rout of the North Thursday night in the annual MACJC All-Star Games held at the Choctaw Central High School gym.

LaCour, a product of Natchitoches (La.) High School, was named most valuable player following her performance. Lady Warrior Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy also played a key role in the South's victory and added six points.

Also scoring for the South were Christy Brown of Copiah-Lincoln, 12; Dee Flennory of Pearl River and Mindy Livaudais of Copiah-Lincoln, 10 each; Traci Forrest of Southwest, nine; Nathasha Booth of Southwest and Wanda Farmer of Gulf Coast, eight each; Colette White of Southwest, seven; Nykeshia Carter of Jones, four; and Brittany Sumrall and Demesha Chambers, both of Jones, two each. Mark Swindle of Southwest served as head coach.

North point makers were Monica Lee of Holmes, 10; Chassidy Jackson of Northeast, nine; Susan Spencer of Northeast, eight; Casper Bobo of Itawamba, seven; Schneka Harris of Coahoma and Donna Franklin of East Mississippi, six each; Katie Walker of Northeast, and Shanna Woodruff and Rakita Jones, both of Itawamba, five each; and Jennifer Hanna and Andrea Carothers, both of Northwest and Shirley Gooch of Mississippi Delta, four each. Don Edwards of Northwest served as head coach.

The South led 51-40 at halftime.

In the men's game, the North All-Stars rallied for a 128-123 win over the South behind B. J. Townsend of Holmes and Jason Rogan of Northwest, who each had 22 points. Townsend was named most valuable player.

Other North scorers were Khamari Ballard of Northwest, 16; Greg Tucker of Holmes, 15; Trent Vaughn of Itawamba, 12; Andre Amos of Northwest, 10; Dennis Dupree of East Mississippi and Prince Thompson of Itawamba, seven each; Issac Greenwood of Holmes and Shun Jenkins of Itawamba, six each; and Alvin Harris II of Coahoma, two. Don Skelton of Northwest served as head coach.

South point makers were Wesley Haynes of Southwest, 21; Marquiz Moltrie of Gulf Coast, 19; Edward Mack of Hinds, 17; James Denson of East Central and a former standout at Choctaw Central, 16; Brandon Griffin of Southwest, 13; Wand Steward of Pearl River and B. J. Black of Copiah-Lincoln, 12 each; Willie Breland of Gulf Coast, six; Chris Parker of Hinds, three; and Nick Paige of Jones, two. Winfred Craig of East Central and a former standout at Louisville also saw action. Bill Wallace of Southwest served as head coach.

The South held a 56-52 advantage at halftime.

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ECCC'S LACOUR INKS SCHOLARSHIP - Nikki LaCour, a standout member of the East Central women's basketball team the past two seasons, will continue her athletic career at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. the 5-9 guard from Natchitoches, La., averaged 19 points, five rebounds and two steals per game in leading the Lady Warriors to 36 wins over a two-year period. East Central finished 14-11 this past season and posted a 22-7 record in 2001-02 and won the Region 23 Tournament. LaCour received numerous awards following the 2001-2002 campaign, including honorable mention All-American, All-Region, All-Region, All Region Tournament Team and All-Star. She received most valuable player award after scoring 20 points in leading the South All-Stars to a 97-70 win over the North. Pictured with LaCour during a recent signing ceremony on the Decatur campus are (seated from left) her mother, Estelle LaCour, and (standing from left) Lady Warrior coaches Brad Hodge (head) and Toby Bush (assistant). EC Photo

WILLIS INKS WITH ECCC - Newton County High School basketball standout Al Willis is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Willis scored 17 points per game and averaged 4.5 rebounds, 7 assists and 3.5 steals for the Cougars last season. He was named All-District for two seasons and received the Senior Cougar Award. He was also voted senior captain. The new Warrior is shown during a signing ceremony at ECCC with his mother, Bonita Dawkins, and (standing from left) ECCC men's basketball coaches Billy Smith (head) and Shane Eck (assistant). (EC Photo)

ECCC Softball Tryouts May 6

East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team Monday, May 6, on the Decatur campus, announced head Coach Mike Anderson. Registration - 11:30 a.m. in Brackeen-Wood Physical Ed Building; lunch at noon; campus tour at 12:45. Tryouts begin at 2:30 p.m. on softball field. Call 635-2111, ext. 301 for additional information.

ECCC Ac'cents Auditions May 2-3

The East Central Community College's show choir, will hold open auditions for the fall semester from 1 to 5 p. m. May 2 - 3 in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center. Those auditioning must submit two letters of recommendation and perform a prepared solo. A CD and cassette player or a piano accompanist will be available. Contact Vicki Blaylock to set up audition time - 635-2111, ext 225.

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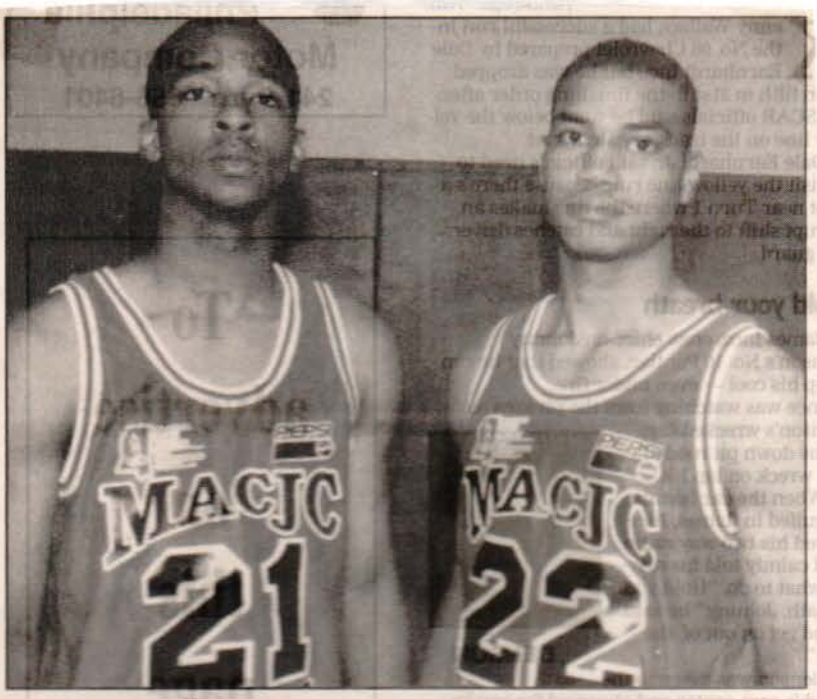

JUCO All-Stars

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East Central Community College basketball standouts Winfred Craig (left) of Louisville and James Denson, formerly of Choctaw Central, represented ECCC in the annual MACJC All-Star game held recently at Choctaw Central. Denson was one of the south team's leading scorers, with 16 points. He also won runner-up honors in the slam-dunk competition.

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Viverette Inks With ECCC

DECATUR--Lake High School basketball standout Kimyatta Viverette is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Viverette, a 6-foot forward, averaged 14 points and nine rebounds for the Lady Hornets this past season. Honors include her selection on the 2001 and 2002 Mississippi Association of Coaches All-State teams. She was twice named District Most Valuable Player and made the all District team for three seasons. She was also twice selected most valuable player in the district tournament, and made the All-Scott County Team on three occasions. Viverette was selected to play in the annual Mississippi/Alabama All-star Game scheduled in June. Pictured with the new Lady Warrior at a signing ceremony held at ECCC are (seated from left) her mother, Zettie Viverette and sister, April Viverette, and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, ECCC head women's basketball coach; Bill Ingersoll, Lady Hornet head coach; and Toby Bush, ECCC Lady Warrior assistant. (EC Photo)

ECCC PBL Members Assist with District FBLA Cont

DECATUR--Members of East Central Community College's Phi Beta Lambda chapter recent sisted with the Central District Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Contest, which was on the College's Decatur campus. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for business students. Pic are (front row, from left) Rebecca Ross of Montrose, Leslie Patrick of Conehatta, Ashley Jor Newton, Jenne McElhenney of Lake and Shalonda Buckley of Philadelphia; (second row, from Brand! Harvey of Forest, Ethel Dubose of Quitman, Elsalena Roberts and Temeka Drummond of Newton; and Tammy Davis of Louisville; (third row, from left) Jamika Brown, Tonya Flowe

Bonner Rose Norwood, Philadelphia; Danielle G Carthage, and Betty Robin Edinburg; (fourth row, fro Cory Johnson of Hickor emy McNair and Monica both of Philadelphia; K Willis of Conehatta and Dempsey of Louisville; a row, from left) Marty P Newton, Heather Kenn Philadelphia and Car Eansley and Antonio Hoy of Newton. (EC Photo)

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UP, UP, AND AWAY

James Denson, a graduate of Choctaw Central High School, was back in his stomping grounds as he participated in the 25th annual Mississippi Association of Community & Junior College (MACJC) Men's All-Star Basketball Game, hosted by Choctaw Central High School & the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians on April 4. Denson, representing East Central Community College, scored 16 points for the South All-Stars as they were defeated by the North All-Stars 128-123. At Choctaw Central, Denson was a key member of the 1998 & 1999 2A state basketball championship teams. Earlier in the evening, the women's South All-Stars defeated the North All-Stars 97-70. Sponsors of the MACJC games also included the Silver Star Hotel and Casino, Mississippi Sports Medicine, Pepsi Cola and East Central Community College.

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PACE HONORED AT ALL-STAR GAMES - For the past five years, Choctaw Central has served as host site for the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games. Former East Central Community College women's head basketball coach Sammy Pace, third from left, was instrumental in having the games moved to current location and is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation for his efforts from Randy Hodges, left, principal of Choctaw Central High School; Brad Hodge, ECCC women's head basketball coach; and Terry Ben, Dist. Supt. of Choctaw Schools. the presentation was made at the 25th anniversary games held earlier this month.

ECCC Softball Tryouts May 6

East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team Monday, May 6, on the Decatur campus, announced head Coach Mike Anderson. Registration - 11:30 a.m. in Brackeen-Wood Physical Ed Building; lunch at noon; campus tour at 12:45. Tryouts begin at 2:30 p.m. on softball field. Call 635-2111, ext. 301 for additional information.

MACJC COACHES' CLINIC SPEAKERS at the 25th annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games held at Choctaw Central High School were Rick Peteri (second from left), women's head basketball coach at the University of South Alabama, and John Stroud, men's head basketball, third from left, men's head basketball coach at Millsaps College.The special guests are shown with ECCC basketball coaches Brad Hodge (left), women's head coach, and Billy Smith, who leads the men's program. Sponsors for the All-Star Games are the Silver Star Resort and Casino, MS Band of Choctaw Indians, MS Sports Medicine, Pepsi Cola and ECCC.

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ECCC Ford Signs

Christina Ford of Enterprise, a standout member of the East Central Community College women's basketball team this past season, has signed a letter of intent to continue her athletic career at Southern University of New Orleans. Ford, a 5-8 guard/forward, averaged 10 points and six rebounds per game in helping lead the Lady Warriors to a 14-11 record. A transfer from Tougaloo College, Ford (seated center) was selected second team All-State following the 2001-2002 campaign. She is shown during a recent signing ceremony on the Decatur campus with (seated from left) her sister, Gloria Williams, and mother, Katie M. Ford, and (standing from left) ECCC women's basketball coaches Toby Bush (assistant) and Brad Hodge (head coach).

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Rosar inks with ECCC

Neshoba Central's Miranda Rosar of Linwood, seated at right, recently signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College. With Rosar are her mother, Laura Rosar (seated) and (standing from left) ECCC head coach Brad Hodge, former Neshoba Central Lady Rockets' coach Susan Fox-Smith, and ECCC assistant coach Toby Bush.

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ECCC Men's Basketball Award Winners

Recipients of men's basketball awards presented recently at East Central Community College include (seated from left) Markeith Brown of Jackson, co-captain; Clint Hatch of Carthage, Warrior Award; and Winfred Craig of Louisville, co-captain award and All-Star. Standing from left are James Denson of Choctaw Central, Most Valuable Player, Best Defensive Player, All-Star, and second team all-state; Maurice English of Union, Most Improved; and Corey Hornsby of Istrouma, La., Best Offensive Player and All-State.

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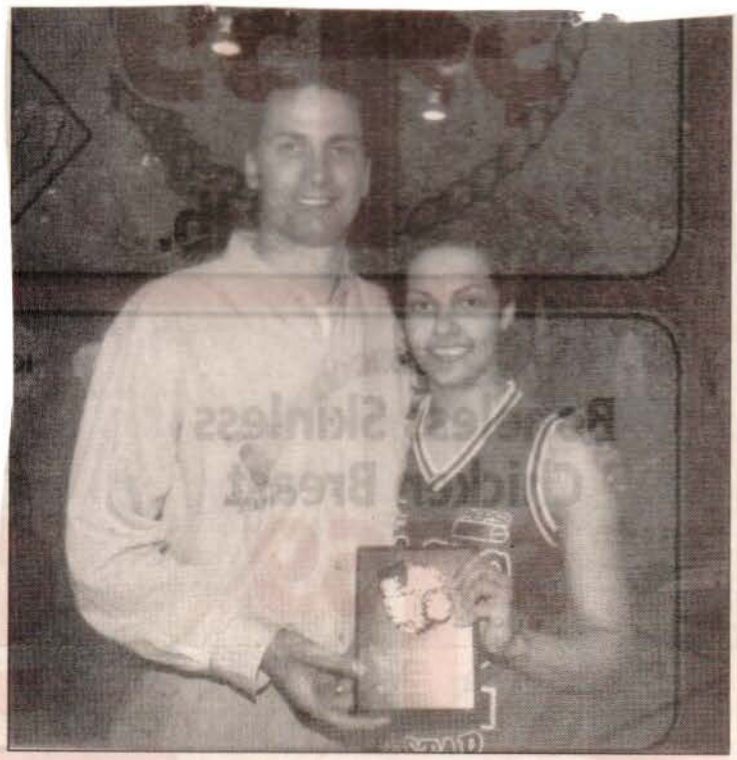

LaCour Receives All-Star MVP Award

Nikki LaCour of East Central Community College was named Most Valuable Player after leading the South All-Stars to a 97-70 win over the North in the annual MACJC All-Star Game held at Choctaw Central High School. LaCour, a product of Natchitoches (La.), led all scorers with 20 points. She is shown receiving the MVP award from Brad Hodge, ECCC women's head basketball coach. (EC Photo)

Villis Inks With ECCC

lewton County High School basketball standout Al Villis is shown signing a national letter of intent to ontinue his athletic career at East Central 'ommunity College. Willis scored 17 points per game nd averaged 4.5 rebounds, 7 assists, and 3.5 steals for ıe Cougars last season. He was named All-Division ɔ-3A for two seasons and received the Senior Cougar Award. He was also voted senior captain. Willis is shown during a signing ceremony at ECCC with his mother, Bonita Dawkins, and (standing from left) ECCC men's basketball coaches Billy Smith (head) and Shane Eck (assistant). (EC Photo)

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Nickson Inks With ECCC

Kattie Nickson, a former standout basketball player at Scott Central High School, is shown signing at national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Nickson, a 5-9 forward, averaged 20 points and 12 rebounds this past season for the Lady Rebels. She scored over 1,400 points during her career at Scott Central, where she was named All-District for four seasons. The new Lady Warrior is pictured with (seated from left) her sister, Shirley Nickson, and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, ECCC women's head basketball coach; Chad Harrison, Lady Rebel head coach; and Toby Bush, ECCC Lady Warrior assistant.

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Burkes Inks With ECCC

Scott Central High School standout basketball player Britney Burks is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Burks, a 5-7 guard, averaged 22 points and seven rebounds per game this past season for the Lady Rebels. She scored over 2,400 points during her career at Scott Central and is recognized as the team's all-time leading scorer. Among honors received include her selection on the Mississippi Association of Coaches All-State teams for three seasons. She was named on the Mississippi High School Activities Association's All-State squad following the 2001-2002 campaign. In addition, she was named All-District on four occasions. She was selected to participate in the 2002 Mississippi North/South All-Star game scheduled in July. Pictured with the new Lady Warrior during a signing ceremony held at ECCC are (seated from left) her mother, Alice Burkes, and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, ECCC women's head basketball coach; Chad Harrison, Lady Rebel head coach; and Toby Bush, ECCC Lady Warrior assistant.

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Lady Warriors' best

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors' basketball award winners for the 2001-2002 season are (seated from left) Trelisa Eichelberger, Warrior Award; Nikki LaCour, honorable mention All-American, All-Region 23, All-Region 23 Tournament Team, All-Star, Lady Warrior most valuable player, best offensive player and team co-captain award; Shaneka Cistrunk, best defender; and (standing from left) Ashley Brown of Scott Central, best rebounder; and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, honorable mention All-State and team co-captain.

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Harris named assistant hoops coach at ECCC

Betsy Harris of Decatur was recently named assistant women's basketball coach at East Central Community College, Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president announced.

Harris previously served as an assistant coach and recruiter at Troy State University in Troy, Ala. She is also a former staff member at the University of West Alabama in Livingston, where her duties included recruiting, scouting, coaching, public relations, and serving as a strength coach.

She is also a former fitness assistant at the Fitness and Wellness Center at Anderson's Hospital in Meridian.

In addition, Harris has several years experience serving as an instructor at various college, high school and junior high basketball camps.

Harris was an All-State performer at Decatur High School and helped lead the Lady Warriors to the 1990 Class 2A state championship. She also earned All-South State and All-State honors.

She attended the University of Alabama on a basketball scholarship and led the Lady Tide to the Final Four in 1994. Honors she received that year included being named on the Final Four All-Tournament Team and her selection as the most valuable player for the Midwest Regional Championship.

She was also named second team All-Southeastern Conference.

Betsy Harris

Harris is regarded as one of the top three-point shooters in college basketball. She holds the record for most three-pointers made in an NCAA Tournament (20 of 40), is Alabama's career and single game record-holder in making three-pointers, and is the SEC Tournament and single game record-holder in three-pointers made.

She played four seasons of professional basketball in Spain, Ireland, Sweden, Greece, and Switzerland and participated in the WNBA's Detroit Shock training camp.

She graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in sports/fitness management and completed a master of arts in teaching from the University of West Alabama.

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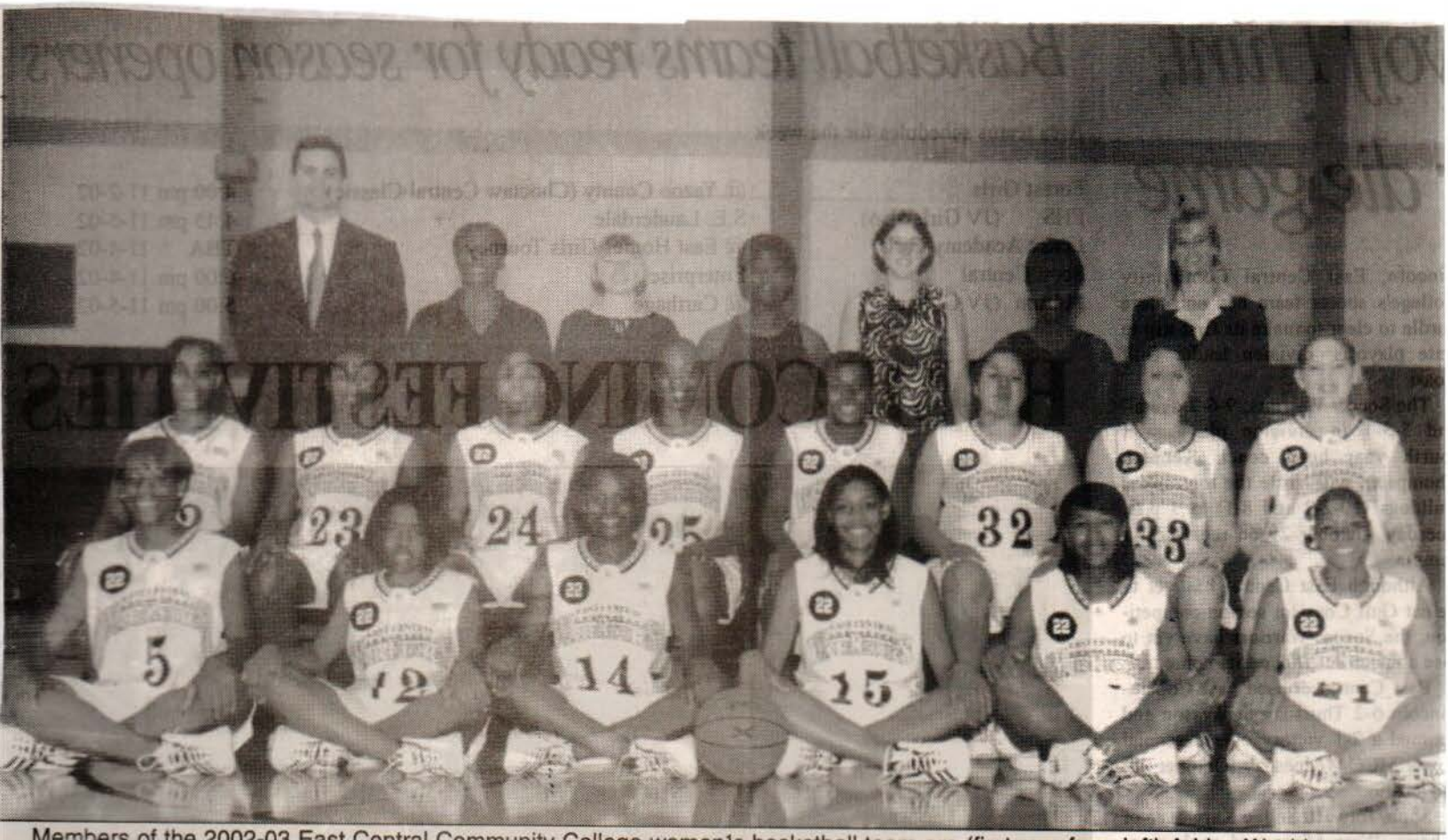

Members of the 2002-03 East Central Community College women's basketball team are (first row, from left) Adrian Washington, Carrollton (Ala.) High School; **Marquita Anderson, Scott Central**; **Kimyatta Viverette, Lake**; **Ebone'e Leverette and Patsy McKee, both of Forest**; and Lenore Gray, Newton; (second row, from left) Monique Overstreet, South Leake; **Britney Burks, Scott Central**; Hope Murray, West Jones; Rita Birden, St. Frederick High School, Monroe, La.; Tamekia Foley, Newton County; Melinda Ben, Choctaw Central; Andrea Chesney, Newton County Academy; and Miranda Rosar, Neshoba Central; and (back row, from left, Brad Hodge, head coach; student assistants **Tekeyla Singleton of Scott Central**, and Ashley Jones, Temeka Drummond, Megan Logan and Shay Moncrief, all of Newton; and Betsy Harris, assistant coach.

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Lady Warriors Set to Begin B-ball Season, County Residents Among players on team

Brad Hodge, who is in his second season as Lady Warrior head coach, has three returnees from last year's team, which advanced to the state and regional tournaments en route to a 14-11 record.

Tamekia Foley, a 5-10 guard/forward from Newton County, is the leading returning scorer with about six points per contest.

Other returnees are Patsy McKee, a 5-10 guard from Forest, and Melinda Ben, a 5-10 guard/forward from Choctaw Central.

Hodge said he is approaching the upcoming season with cautious optimism, as the team's success will depend greatly on his freshmen, which he describes as being a very talented group with a lot of athleticism.

First-year players are Adrian Washington, a 5-11 forward from Carrollton, Ala.; Miranda Roser, a 5-11 forward from Neshoba Central;

Marquita Anderson, a 5-5 guard and Britney Burks, a 5-9 guard, both from Scott Central; Kimyatta Viverette, a 6-foot guard/forward from Lake; Ebone'e Leverette, a 6-foot forward from Forest; Lenore Gray, a 6-1 forward from Newton; Monique Overstreet, a 5-11 guard/forward from South Leake; Rita Birden, a 5-10 guard from St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La.; Hope Murray, a 5-10 guard/forward from West Jones; and Andrea Chesney, a 6-footforward from Newton County Academy.

Hodge said he does not anticipate the Lady Warriors to have a fast start. I do not expect us to get out of the gates early.

We will probably experience some bumps along the way and will no doubt have some highs and lows in the early going. The most important thing is to get this team ready for division play, Hodge said.

Betsy Harris, a former standout at the University of Alabama and Decatur High School, begins her first year as Hodge's assistant.

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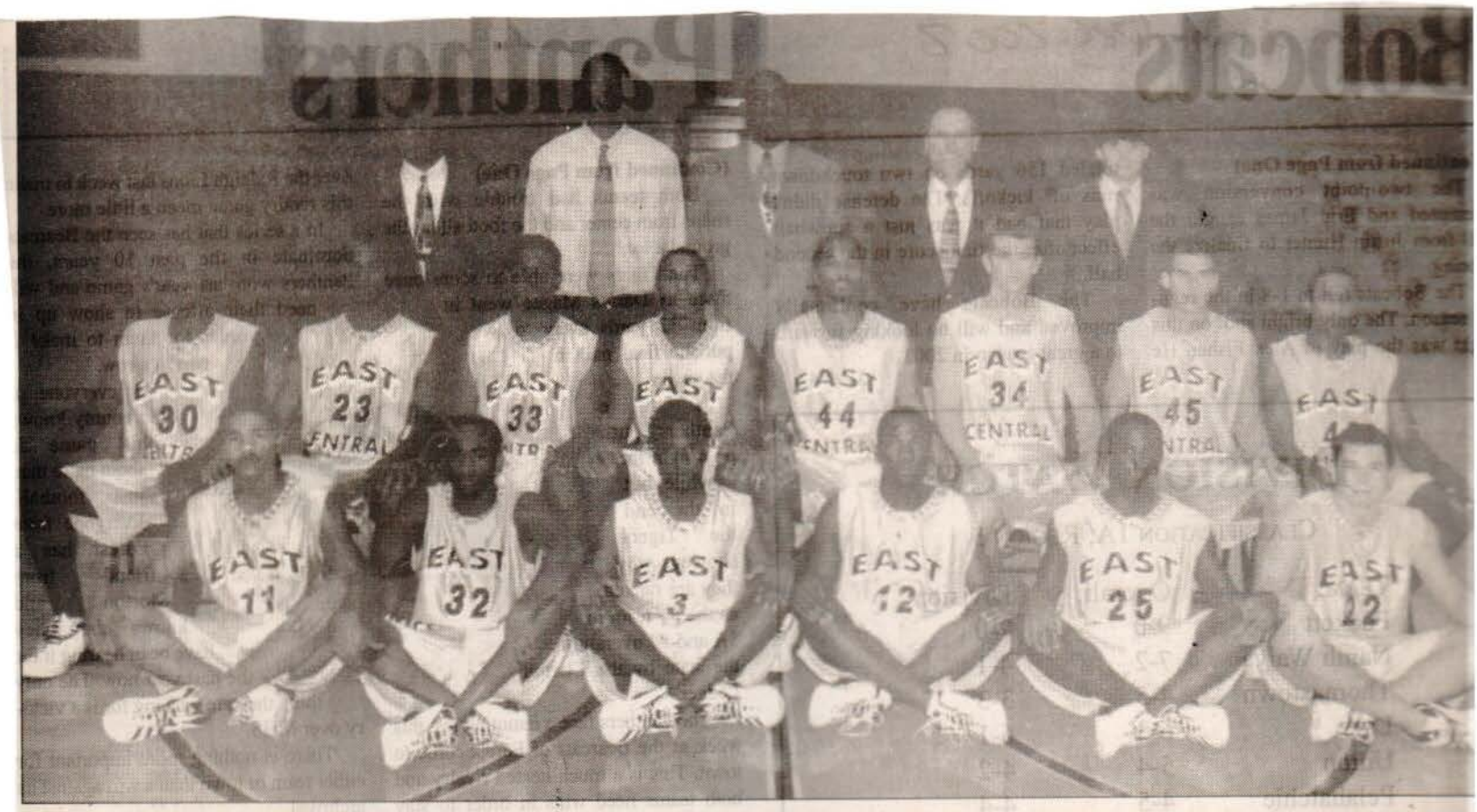

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LOCAL SPORTS

Osley steps up for ECCC

By Marty Stamper / EMG sports assistant
Oct. 18, 2002

DECATUR — Travares Osley was the scoring hero for the East Central Community College Warriors in last week's 6-3 triple-overtime upset of No. 2 Jones as he kicked two field goals.

Not bad for a linebacker whose kicking skills weren't supposed to come into play this fall.

When the Warriors' expected place-kicker struggled in a season-opening loss to Holmes, the ECCC kicking chores became a revolving door with Osley and Ken Triplett both getting their chances.

In addition to the two field goals, Osley, a 6-foot-1, 220-pound sophomore, more than carried his share of the load in his normal position of outside linebacker as he recorded a career-high 23 tackles to go with three assists, and one caused fumble.

It was definitely a night to remember.

"Travares played the best game of any kid I've ever been associated with as a head coach or an assistant," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "He is one of the best football players I've ever coached and that is the best individual performance I've ever had out of a player.

"As we sat there and graded the film, it just kept mounting up."

Osley came to ECCC despite playing on a winless program his senior year at Hueytown, Ala.

"He was one of the best players I ever saw in high school," Underwood said. "He played quarterback at a 6A school and threw for 1,000 yards. He returned every kick and punt, he kicked every kickoff and every punt, and he played mike linebacker and averaged 15 tackles a game.

"A lot of people just didn't know about him. We were looking at another kid (from Tuscaloosa Central) when we saw him on film.

"Travares is a great player and he plays the same game every game. He's going to perform. He's one of the leading tacklers in the state and he'll be one of the leading tacklers in the state. He's the kind of kid that plays the game the way it should be played."

Prior to the Jones game, Osley was ranked second in the state in solo tackles with 48. He now has 71 solos and 17 assists.

"He's had some ups and downs in his kicking, but he doesn't let it bother him," Underwood said. "He's an extremely confident young man. All during the overtimes, he said, 'Coach, I've got it. It's in the bag.' That's the kind of attitude and the kind of guy you want to have in that kind of situation. A lot of people would be scared to take it on, but he's not that kind of guy."

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Warriors looking for another big victory against Hinds CC

By Marty Stamper / EMG sports assistant
Oct. 18, 2002

DECATUR — After last week's 6-3 triple-overtime victory over then-No. 2 Jones, the East Central Community College Warriors have a shot at an encore performance Saturday afternoon when they host Hinds at 2:30 p.m. for homecoming.

Both teams need a win to stay in the hunt for a playoff berth as both are 2-2 in the MACJC South Division. Hinds is 4-2 overall following last week's 36-7 rout of Copiah-Lincoln. ECCC, 2-4 overall, lost 34-31 at Co-Lin just two weeks ago after a 31-21 lead disappeared over the final five minutes.

"They were 3-0 and nationally ranked and then lost to Pearl River and Gulf Coast," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said of the Eagles. "They've got a really good team. I think they're a lot better than they were last year. They're very athletic all over the field. Offensively and defensively, they've got great team speed and they're always well-coached. They'll be a very tough opponent."

ECCC had lost 19 straight games with Hinds before winning 25-16 last year at Raymond.

Jones dropped from No. 2 to No. 8 in the NJCAA poll following the loss to the Warriors.

"Like I told the kids, it was a great win," Underwood said. "I feel like it was one of the biggest wins in the history of the program. It's something that we'll all remember the rest of our lives. It was one that you'll cherish because we were 1-4 and they were 5-0. It was a great reward for some of the frustrating things we've had happen to us.

"Hopefully, we can take that win and finish strong. We still have a chance to be 5-4 and we still have a chance at the playoffs. It's not completely out of the picture.

"I've been told ever since I've been in this league that if you can beat Hinds and Jones, you've got a great chance at the playoffs. There's not many times you get the chance to beat both of them and we have the chance to do that. Our guys are excited, but I don't think we're up in the clouds. They know we've got a tough opponent in Hinds."

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Hinds is ranked No. 5 in the MACJC in total offense, while the Warriors are No. 6. Hinds is ninth in total defense, while ECCC is 11th.

ECCC tailback Titus Ryan is second in the league in rushing as he averages 95 yards per game. Sophomore halfback Mason Denham of Hinds averages 86.3 yards for third place.

Sophomore wide receiver Seneca Chambers of Hinds is second in receptions with 31 catches for 13.7 yards per catch.

ECCC sophomore outside linebacker Travares Osley leads the state in tackles with 71 solos and 17 assists following last week's 23-solo, three-assist effort against Jones.

ECCC sophomore linebacker Stacey Lewis is fourth with 48 solos and 21 assists.

Hinds freshman defensive end Bennie Dixon is tied for the league lead in sacks with seven, while ECCC sophomore cornerback Pete McBride is tied for third in interceptions with four.

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2002-03 ECCC Warriors

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Basketball season gets underway Friday, November 1 for East Central Community College's Warriors and Lady Warriors who begin the 2002-03 campaign at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. Both squads will also be on the road November 4 at Itawamba, with the first home action scheduled Thursday, November 7 against Shelton State.

Billy Smith's Warriors feature six sophomores from last year's squad, which posted a 10-12 overall mark and was 5-7 in South Division action.

Coach Smith, who begins his second year at the Warrior helm, said the returnees play a key role in the team's success.

"Our sophomores will be called on to carry the team until the freshmen can get adjusted to the junior college game. We will be very undersized and will have to rely on full court pressure to be competitive. We will also be dependent on our quickness and shooting ability to have success," Smith said.

Corey Hornsby, a 6-3 guard from Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., is the top returnee, averaging 21 points per contest. He also made the All-State squad last season and was selected the Warriors' top offensive player.

Donzell Crenshaw, a 6-3 guard from Ridgeway High School in Memphis, is also a returning starter. Other sophomores are Kevin Bobbitt, a 6-foot guard from Lake; Reggie Carter, a 6-4 forward from University Christian; Will Florence, a 6-foot guard from North Delta; and Demario Qualls, a 6-foot guard from Newton.

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2002-03 ECCC Lady Warriors

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Hodge said he does not anticipate the Lady Warriors to have a fast start.

"I do not expect us to get out of the gates early. We will probably experience some bumps along the way and will no doubt have some highs and lows in the early going. The most important thing is to get this team ready for division play," Hodge said.

Betsy Harris, a former standout at the University of Alabama and Decatur High School, begins her first year as Hodge's assistant.

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East Central opens hoops season on road

From school reports

DECATUR — Basketball season gets underway Friday for East Central Community College's Warriors and Lady Warriors who begin the 2002-03 campaign at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. Both squads will also be on the road Monday at Itawamba, with the first home action scheduled Thursday, Nov. 7 against Shelton State.

Billy Smith's Warriors feature six sophomores from last year's squad, which posted a 10-12 overall mark and was 5-7 in South Division action.

Coach Smith, who begins his second year at the Warrior helm, said the returnees play a key role in the team's success.

"Our sophomores will be called on to carry the team until the freshmen can get adjusted to the junior college game. We will be very undersized and will have to rely on full court pressure to be competitive. We will also be dependent on our quickness and shooting ability to have success," Smith said.

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WEEK OF Nov 25

ECCC Lady Warriors, Warriors Thump East Mississippi Squads

East Central Community College basketball teams claimed their second sweep of rival East Mississippi Community College this season, as the Warriors and Lady Warriors cruised to victories Thursday, November 21 in Scooba.

The EC men, led by Corey Hornsby's 24 points, rolled to a 70-58 win as they improved to 3-4 on the young season while the Lions dropped to 1-6.

In addition to Hornsby, a sophomore product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., other EC scorers were Brandon Mason of North Dale High School, also in Baton Rouge, 12; Demario Qualls of Newton and Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, eight each; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, six; **Kevin Bobbitt** of Lake and Al Willis of Newton County, three each; and Donzell Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., and Will Florence and Colt Aldison, both of North Delta Academy, two each. East Central led 37-28 at halftime.

ECCC's women posted a 67-61 victory and improved to 4-3, while the Lady

Lions fell to 3-4. Lady Warrior scorers were Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 15; **Kimyatta Viverette** of Lake and Tamekia Foley of Newton County, 13 each; **Patsy McKee** of Forest, nine; Lenore Gray of Newton, seven;

Monique Overstreet of South Leake and Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, four each; and **Britney Burks** of Scott Central, 2.

East Mississippi held a 30-29 advantage at the break.

East Central is hosting its annual pre-Thanksgiving tournament on Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26, featuring teams from Jones County, Itawamba, Holmes and ECCC.

Both EC squads close out 2002 competition hosting Pearl River Community College on Thursday, December 3.

Texas Standout Joins ECCC Softball Team

A standout softball pitcher from Texas has signed a national letter of intent at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Kathryn Andricopoulos, an All-State performer last year at Martin's Mill High School in Ben Wheeler, Texas, will join the Lady Warriors for workouts when the 2003 spring term gets underway, announced Lady Warrior head coach Mike Anderson.

Andricopoulos went 21- 7 on the mound in 2002 and led Martin's Mills to the region semi-finals en route to a 21-8 mark. She was named to the Coaches' All-State Team, Sportswriter's All-State Team, All East Texas Team and All-District.

In addition, she was selected the District's most valuable player and received team MVP honors.

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WEEK OF Nov 25

ECCC takes two at Scooba

The East Central Community College basketball teams went 1-1 in last week's action, losing two games at Shelton State and winning a pair at East Mississippi.

• **Shelton men 92, EC 85 OT:** After dropping an earlier five-point loss to Shelton State, the Warriors were looking to avenge the 89-84 setback, but their efforts fell short as the Buccaneers rallied for a 92-85 win in overtime on Nov. 18 at Tuscaloosa.

EC, which held a slim 38-36 lead at the break, fell to 2-4.

Corey Hornsby led the Warriors with 22 points. Demario Qualls had 17, Brandon Mason 14, Jamaal Martin nine, and Donzel Crenshaw eight.

• **Shelton women 60, EC 51:** The Lady Warriors dropped to 3-3 with the Nov. 18 loss at Tuscaloosa.

Top scorers for EC were Rita Birden with 19, Tamekia Foley with 13, Britney Burks with nine, and Kimyatta Viverette with six.

Shelton led 26-24 at halftime.

• **EC men 70, East Mississippi 58:** Corey Hornsby tossed in 24 points to lead the Warriors, 3-4, to Thursday's win at Scooba.

EC also got 12 points from Brandon Mason, eight each from Demario Qualls and Jamaal Martin, and six from Desmond Jones.

EC led 37-28 at halftime.

• **EC women 67, East Mississippi 61:** The Lady Warriors improved to 4-3 as Rita Birden scored 15 points, Kimyatta Viverette and Tamekia Foley had 13 each, Patsy McKee added nine, and Lenore Gray tossed in seven.

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WEEK OF Nov 25

ECCC Takes Two From Itawamba

East Central Warriors and Lady Warriors lead by area natives are off to great starts respectively

A sweep of Itawamba Community College Monday night marked a successful beginning for East Central Community College basketball teams who are hosting a two-day tournament at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Billy Smith's Warriors rolled to an 82-68 win over the Itawamba men, avenging an earlier 71-61 setback to the Indians, who are coached by former ECCC head mentor Marty Cooper.

Corey Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., ledEC with 26 points as the Warriors evened their record at 4-4.

Also scoring were Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, 13; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, 10; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central and Demario

Qualls of Newton, nine each; Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., six; Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, five; and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake and Reggie Carter of University Christian, two each.O'Brian Lowe of Nettleton had 17 points for Itawamba, which fell to 5-2. East Central led 39-30 at halftime.

In women's action, Coach Brad Hodge and his Lady Warriors improved to 5-3 after posting a 61-50 decision over Itawamba.

The EC women also dropped an earlier decision to Itawamba by a 53-49 tally.

Scorers for EC were Lenore Gray of Newton, 20; Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 10; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, eight; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, six; Monique Overstreet of South Leake, five; Elyse Willis of Neshoba Central, four; and Britney Burks of Scott Central, Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, and Ebone'e Leverette and Patsy McKee, both of Forest, two each. Shera Edwards of Tupelo led the Lady Indians (5-2) with 11 points.

EC held a commanding 32-19 lead at the break.

In games scheduled today (Tuesday), Jones and Itawamba women meet at 2:00, Jones and Itawamba men play at 4:00, EC and Holmes women tangle at 6:00, and EC and Holmes men battle at 8:00.

Joey Page (left) of Carthage, a sophomore at East Central Community College in Decatur, is among participants in the College's Work-Based Learning Program, which provides vocational-technical students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while pursuing degrees in their chosen fields of study. Page, whose major is automotive mechanics technology, works 36 hours a week at Culpepper Sales and Service in Forest. He is shown checking engine controls under the watchful eyes of Harry Culpepper (center), company owner, and Jeff Hitt, who serves as the College's Work-Based Learning Coordinator.

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EC Teams Sweep East Mississippi

East Central Community College took a pair of basketball decisions over visiting squads from East Mississippi Community College Saturday afternoon in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Warriors cruised to a 70-58 victory and the ECCC women posted a 63-54 thumping of the Lady Lions.

Scorers for the EC men, who improved to 2-2 on the young season, were Donzel Crenshaw, a product of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., 13; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, nine; Reggie Carter of University Christian, eight; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, seven; Al Willis of Newton County and Demario Qualls of Newton, six each; Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol and Colt Aldison of North Delta Academy, five each; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, La., four; Corey Hornsby of Istrouma High School, also in Baton Rouge, and Will Florence of North Delta Academy, three each; and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, one.

Marcus Houston of Poplarville had 11 points to lead East Mississippi, which fell to 0-3.

EC led 36-29 at the break.

In the women's match-up, Lenore Gray pumped in 16 points as the Lady Warriors also improved to 2-2. Also scoring were Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, nine; Britney Burks of Scott Central and Tamekia Foley of Newton County, eight each; Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central and Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., six each; and Elyse Willis of Neshoba Central, Monique Overstreet of South Leake, Hope Murray of West Jones, Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central and Ebone'e Leverette of Forest, two each.

Tamar Gibbs of Northeast Lauderdale scored 15 points to lead the Lady Lions who dropped to 1-2.

ECCC Splits Pair Against Shelton State

Freshman Rita Birden sank two free throws with 7.8 seconds remaining in overtime and led the Lady Warriors to their first season victory – an 82-80 nail-bitter over the Shelton State (Ala.) women Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Lenore Gray of Newton led EC in scoring with 18 points. Other point makers were Kimyatta Viverette of Lake and Ebone'e Leverette of Forest, 15 each; Birden, a product of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 13; Britney Bukes of Scott Central, nine; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, eight; and Monique Overstreet of South Leake, four.

Laura Rombokas of Madison, Ala., led Shelton State with16 points.

The game was tied 69-69 at the end of regulation.

EC held a 35-31 advantage at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors were outscored 89-84 by the visitors from Tuscaloosa, despite 38 points from sophomore standout Corey Hornsby of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La. Also scoring were Demario Qualls of Newton, 18; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, 10; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, seven; Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgewa High School in Memphis, Tenn six; and Brandon Mason of Nor Dale High in Baton Rouge, five.

Tim Lewis of Prattvil Ala., led Shelton State with points.

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WEEK OF NOV 11 2002

East Central women win two games; men split pair

By Marty Stamper
EMG Sports Assistant

East Central Community College took a pair of non-division basketball wins from East Mississippi Community College Saturday afternoon. The Warriors and Lady Warriors both improved to 2-2. EMCC's Lady Lions fell to 1-2, while the Lions dropped to 0-3.

ECCC women 63
EMCC 54

Scoring droughts hurt both teams in the women's contest, but the Lady Warriors got their game back on track in time to take the nine-point win.

ECCC carried a slim 27-26 lead into halftime behind nine points from Lenore Gray and six from Miranda Rosar and led 37-30 with 14:58 remaining after a 3-pointer by Kimyatta Viverette.

The Lady Warriors then went scoreless for the next four minutes and 27 seconds as EMCC used a 10-0 run to go up 40-37 on a layup by Darnika Washington with 11:50 left.

The Lady Lions made only 1-of-4 free throws over the next three minutes as ECCC stayed within striking range at 41-39. EMCC then went four minutes and 40 seconds without any points.

An 8-0 run highlighted by a three-point play by Tamekia Foley, a layup by Elyse Willis off a steal and outlet pass by Viverette, and a putback basket by Viverette gave ECCC a 48-41 lead with 4:36 showing.

"It was a game of streaks," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "We were very cold in the first half and had a lot of shots rim out. They jumped right back in it with that 10-0 run."

EMCC got to within five with 1:44 left when Candace Spires hit a 3-pointer, but a 5-of-6 showing at the free-throw line by Rita Birden and Britney Burks put ECCC up 63-51 and sealed the Lady Warriors' second straight win.

"That's two games in three days and you just have to do whatever you can to find a way to win," Hodge said. "It's not pretty, but we'll take it, especially with this group that we've got. You can see some confidence growing in some of them. Miranda Rosar came off the bench and did a great job. Lenore Gray obviously did a fantastic job. Kimyatta Viverette gave us a boost in the second half after she was absent in the first half. We're starting to get some people to gain some confidence."

Gray led ECCC with 16 points. Viverette had nine, while Burks and Foley both scored eight. Of ECCC's top six scorers, all but Foley are freshmen.

"Hopefully these freshmen will keep their heads up and keep working hard every day and good things will happen to them," Hodge said.

Cedra Glover led EMCC with 15 points. Katrina Barr tossed in eight.

ECCC men 70
EMCC 58

The Warriors scored the first six points and held EMCC scoreless for a little over three minutes to start the men's contest. ECCC led 36-29 at halftime after being up 29-19 on a 3-pointer by Demario Qualls with 6:33 to go in the first half.

The Lions rallied to within 38-33, but Al Willis hit a pair of 3-pointers over a 52-second span to give ECCC a 44-36 lead.

"Our second and third bunch came in and did a real good job for us," ECCC head coach Bill Smith said. "We were trying to rest our first team for Monday night (at Holmes). We'll have played five games in eight days, so we're trying to play as many people as we can.

"We did a lot better job in the second half of running our offense. We had way too many turnovers in the first half, but any time you get a win it's nice.

"Al hit two big shots and Dewayne Hughes hit three 3s and that put them out of reach and we were able to hang on at the end."

After leading by as many as 12 when a basket by Hughes gave ECCC a 48-36 lead with 11:04 remaining, the Warriors were 11-of-16 at the free-throw line over the final eight minutes, while EMCC was a cold 1-of-6.

Donzel Crenshaw led ECCC with 13 points. Desmond Jones scored nine and Reggie Carter had eight.

Corey Hornsby, who came in averaging 32.7 points, was held to three after being saddled with four first half fouls.

"We had a mess up on the fouls," Smith said. "We had him with three and they had him with four. Maybe that did us some good. We got to make sure some other guys could score too instead of relying just on Corey."

EMCC got 11 points from Marcus Houston and nine from Anthony Johnson.

ECCC women 82
Shelton 80(OT)

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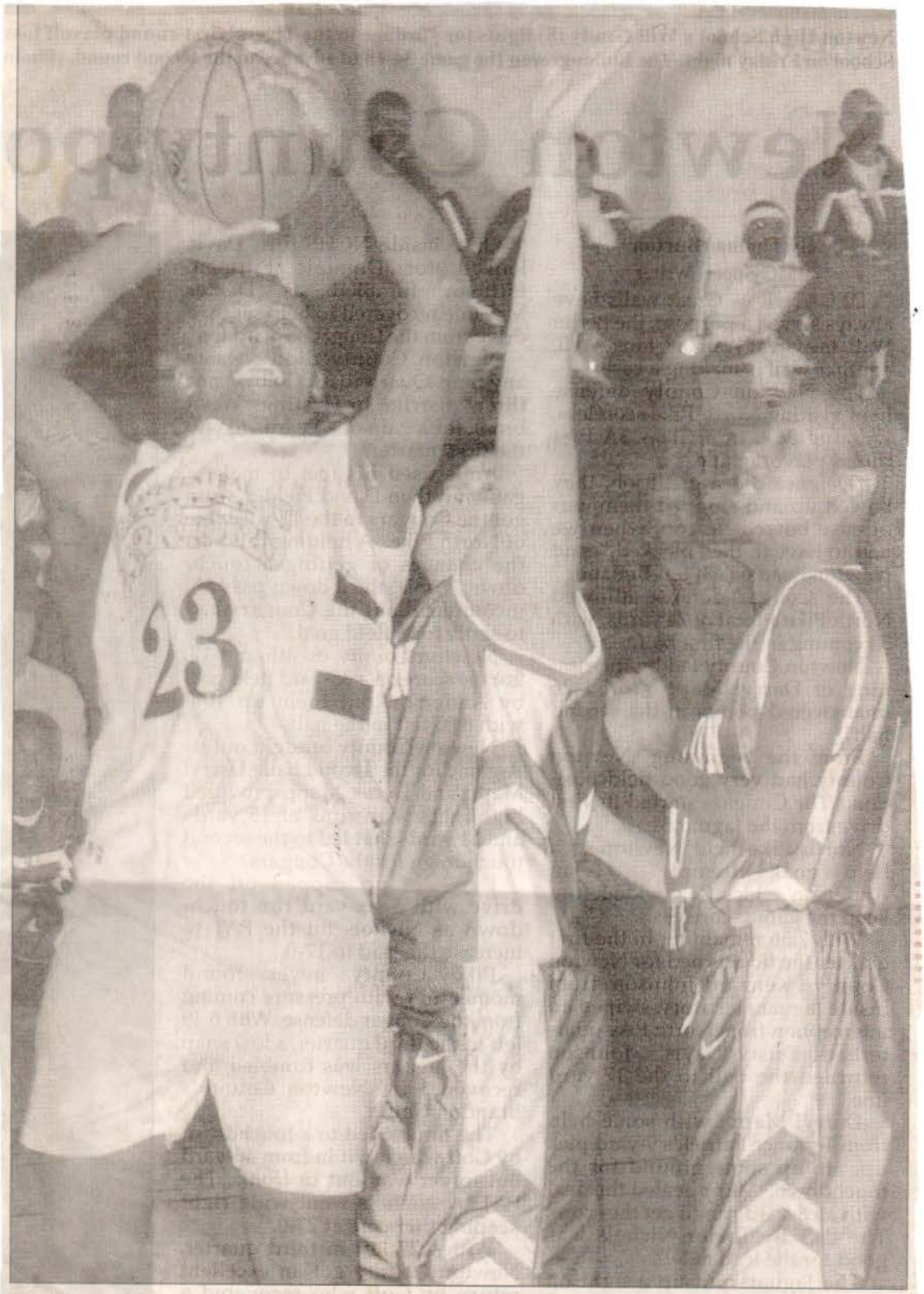

East Central Community College's Britney Burks (23) fires up a shot against Shelton State last week. ECCC took wins over Shelton and East Mississippi Community College. (Photo by

riors found the win column for the first time this season with an 82-80 overtime win over Shelton State of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Thursday night at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

"Any win is a good win, but after the two tough road losses, this team got the chance to taste a victory and who knows what goes on from there," Lady Warriors' head coach Brad Hodge said.

In beating the defending Region 22 Division II champions, the Lady Warriors had to battle back from a six-point deficit in overtime.

ECCC led 35-31 at halftime and held a 69-

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62 advantage with 3:42 remaining after a pair of free throws by Britney Burks.

Shelton scored the final seven points of regulation to pull even at 69-69, then opened overtime with a 6-0 run.

The Lady Warriors got three free throws from Kimyatta Viverette and a basket by Lenore Gray to pull to within 75-74 with 2:26 showing. Tamekia Foley gave the Lady Warriors the lead for good with a pair of free shots with 57.9 seconds to go.

A layup by Rita Birden off her own steal with 48.5 seconds left extended the ECCC lead to 78-75. Birden hit a pullup jumper off a fast break 18 seconds later and Burks made two free throws with 7.8 seconds remaining to seal the win as ECCC improved to 1-2.

"We showed a tremendous amount of character tonight," Hodge said. "Right out of the chute in overtime they got six points, but we didn't hang our heads and a lot of times you worry about freshmen hanging their heads.

"The bottom line is teams like Shelton are who we have to beat to have a chance in our division. Shelton's a really good ballclub and that's a good victory."

Gray led ECCC with 18 points. Viverette and Ebonee' Leverette both had 15 points, while Birden scored 13, Burks nine, and Foley eight.

Shelton, 0-3, got 16 points from Laura Rombokas, 15 from Emily Nalls, 12 each from Marie Heacox and Nicole Thomas, and nine from Marquita Westbrooks.

Shelton men	**89**
ECCC	**84**

In what is becoming a bad habit, the Warriors fell behind by 15 points in the first half and trailed by 21 (62-41) with 16:20 remaining.

"That's two games in a row that we've gotten that far down," Warriors' head coach Bill Smith said. "They shot the lights out in the first half and the start of the second half. It seemed like everything we tried to do, they capitalized on.

"Then we started being a little more aggressive on offense and started getting to the free throw line and that's when we were able to get back in the game."

ECCC battled back to within five on a 3-pointer by Demario Qualls at 79-74 with 5:13 to go and was still within five at 87-82 when the Buckaneers turned the ball over on a shot-clock violation with 1:04 left.

Two turnovers by the Warriors prevented any further comeback and a pair of free throws by Joseph Martin with nine seconds remaining gave the Tuscaloosa team an 89-82 advantage.

Corey Hornsby, a sophomore from Baton Rouge, La., led the Warriors, 1-2, with 38 points. Hornsby, who hit six shots from 3-point range, is averaging 32.7 points through three games. ECCC also got 18 points from Qualls, 10 from Jamaal Martin, seven from Desmond Jones, six from Donzel Crenshaw, and five from Brandon Mason.

Tim Lewis led Shelton, 1-0, with 24 points. Ronald Jenkins scored 12 and Marcus Cooks had 11.

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ECCC splits with Holmes after sweeping East Miss.

From combined reports

The basketball teams from East Central Community College split a pair of non-division games with Holmes Monday night at Goodman.

The East Central women knocked off Holmes 69-67 to improve to 3-2 on the season, while the EC men dropped a 92-84 decision to fall to 2-3.

Both teams are off for the remainder of this week, and both will hit the floor again Monday (Nov. 18) when they travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to take on Shelton State.

In Monday night's action, the Lady Warriors trailed by one at halftime before rallying to down the Lady Bulldogs in a seesaw battle.

Lenore Gray scored a game-high 23 points to lead East Central, while Ebone'e Leverette chipped in 13 points.

In the men's game, East Central got 31 points from red-hot Corey Hornsby, but it wasn't enough to lift the Warriors past the Bulldogs.

Holmes led by just one, 41-40, at halftime before rolling up 51 points in the second half.

Demario Qualls also scorched the nets for 24 points for East Central, while Donzel Crenshaw scored 10 points.

Freshman Desmond Jones, a former Neshoba Central standout, chipped in five points.

Both the Warriors and Lady Warriors took convincing victories at home last Saturday against visiting East Mississippi Community College; and ECCC split a pair last Thursday night with Shelton State.

Against Shelton State, the Lady Warriors got a pair of free throws with 7.8 seconds remaining in overtime to lift East Central to their first victory of the season — an 82-80 win in a nail-biter at EC's Brackeen-Wood P.E. Building on the Decatur campus.

Gray led the Lady Warriors in scor-

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Leverette also scored 15, while Birden tallied 13 and freshman Britney Burks nine. Tamekia Foley also just missed double digits with eight points.

Laura Rombokas led Shelton State with 16 points.

East Central led 35-31 at halftime.

In the men's game, East Central lost 89-84 despite a game-high 38 points from Hornsby.

Also scoring on the night for East Central was Qualls with 18, Jamaal Martin with 10, Jones with seven and Crenshaw with six.

Tim Lewis led all Shelton State scorers with 24 points.

The Warriors rallied from a 15-point deficit at halftime to make a game of it before coming up short.

Last Saturday at Decatur, the East Central teams had a relatively easy time with visiting East Mississippi, winning the women's contest 63-54 while the men took a 70-58 victory.

The Warriors led 36-29 at halftime and wound up getting the win despite just four points from Hornsby.

It was a season-low for the high-scoring sophomore, who spent most of the night on the bench in foul trouble.

Crenshaw led ECCC with 13 points, while Jones scored nine, Reggie Carter had eight, Martin seven and both Qualls and Al Willis chipped in six apiece.

The visiting Lions were led by Marcus Houston, who scored 11 points in the loss.

In the women's contest, the Lady Warriors got 16 points from Gray and eight apiece from Viverette, Burks and Foley.

Freshman Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central scored six, as did Birden.

Tamara Gibbs led East Mississippi with 15 points.

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EC hoops teams even marks at 2-2

Both the Warriors and Lady Warriors of East Central Community College evened their basketball records at 2-2 last week. The EC women went 2-1, while the men were 1-2.

• **Itawamba women 53, EC 49:** Freshman Lenore Gray of Newton led the Lady Warriors with 16 points in the Nov. 4 loss at Fulton. Also scoring were Rita Birden with nine, Tamekia Foley with seven, and Kimyatta Viverette and Ebone'e Leverette with six each.

EC led 31-30 at the break.

• **Itawamba men 71, EC 61:** Corey Hornsby, a sophomore from Baton Rouge, La., led EC with 20 points. Other top scorers were Demario Qualls and Desmond Jones with 11 each.

Itawamba led 34-23 at halftime.

• **EC women 82, Shelton State 80:** The Lady Warriors got their first win of the season Thursday at Decatur by beating the 2002 Region 22 Division II champions.

EC led 35-31 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors got 18 points from Lenore Gray, 15 apiece from Kimyatta Viverette and Ebone'e Leverette, 13 from Rita Birden, nine from Britney Burks, and eight from Tamekia Foley.

Laura Rombokas led Shelton, 0-3, with 16.

• **Shelton State men 89, EC 84:** The Warriors fell to 1-2 with their five-point loss after trailing 49-34 at halftime.

EC got 38 points from Corey Hornsby, 18 from Demario Qualls, 10 from Jamaal Martin, seven from Desmond Jones, and six from Donzel Crenshaw.

Tim Lewis led the Buckaneers, 1-0, with 24.

• **EC women 63, East Mississippi 54:** The Lady Warriors outscored EMCC 36-28 in the second half to take the Saturday afternoon contest at Decatur.

EC led 27-26 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors got 16 points from Lenore Gray, nine from Kimyatta Viverette, eight each from Britney Burks and Tamekia Foley, and six each from Miranda Rosar and Rita Birden.

Cedra Glover led EMCC, 1-2, with 15.

• **EC men 70, East Mississippi 58:** Donzel Crenshaw led the Warriors with 13 points. Desmond Jones scored nine, Reggie Carter had eight, and Jamaal Martin added seven.

Marcus Houston led EMCC, 0-3, with 11.

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ECCC women win at Holmes

GOODMAN — The East Central Community College Lady Warriors took a 69-67 win over Holmes Monday night at Goodman to improve to 3-2 after an 0-2 start.

ECCC got 23 points from Lenore Gray, 20 from Rita Birden, and 13 from Ebone'e Leverette.

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WEEK OF Nov 18

East Central sweeps pair from EMCC

By Ryan Satcher / staff writer
Nov. 22, 2002

SCOOBA — East Central Community College swept East Mississippi Community here on Thursday night in a pair of close basketball games.

The Lady Warriors came away with a very close 67-61 victory while the Warriors used late pressure to come away with a 70-58 win over the Lions.

In the women's game, the Lady Warriors took control of the game late in the second half to go to the victory and improve to 4-3 on the season.

"Coach (Dale) Peay has a really good ballclub," said ECCC head coach Brad Hodge. "They are very athletic and they got after us. We missed a lot of shots and kind of hung our heads and struggled for the better part of three-quarters of the game. Then we made some changes and got some easy baskets and got some flow going. We got some stops on their end and that really helped."

The Lady Lions jumped out to a lead in the first half. EMCC stretched a lead out to seven points with a 9-2 run to make the score 19-12 with 8:21 left in the half.

The Lady Warriors came back to tie the game with three minutes remaining in the first frame. ECCC held the lead until the final minute of the half. With 30 seconds left, however, Katrina Barr hit a three-pointer to give the Lady Lions the 30-29 lead at half.

Rita Birden finished the game with 15 points for East Central while Tamekia Foley and Kimyatta Viverette added in 13. Thomas led EMCC with 14 while Barr hit for 13.

ECCC men 70

EMCC 58

The Lions came on strong in the second half, but East Central turned up the defensive intensity to take a 70-58 win.

"We had a lead and they went to a zone and that threw us off for a while," said East Central coach Billy Smith. "We turned up the defensive intensity a little bit. We got a few steals and got a few key turnovers that we scored points off of so that gave us a little bit momentum. They had us on the ropes there for a little while. We played just hard enough to come back and win."

East Central controlled most of the first half and held a six-point lead for the majority of the time. East Mississippi made a strong run in the second half to take a lead. The Lions outscored the Warriors 18-8 in the early part of the half, but caught East Central too quickly. Corey Hornsby led East Central with 24 points while Anthony Johnson scored 17 and Reginal Roby scored 15 to lead the Lions.

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Lady Warriors

5	Adrian Washington	F	5'11"	Fr.
12	Marquita Anderson	G	5'5"	Fr.
14	Kimyatta Viverette	G/F	6'0"	Fr.
15	Ebone'e Leverette	F	6'0"	Fr.
20	Patsy McKee	G	5'7"	So.
21	Lenore Gray	F	6'1"	Fr.
22	Monique Overstreet	F	5'11"	Fr.
23	Britney Burks	G	5'9"	Fr.
24	Hope Murray	G/F	5'10"	Fr.
25	Rita Birden	G	5'10"	Fr.
30	Tamekia Foley	G/F	5'10"	So.
32	Melina Ben	G/F	5'10"	So.
33	Andrea Chesney	F	6'0"	Fr.
34	Miranda Rosar	F	5'11"	Fr.
	Coach: Brad Hodge			

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Warriors

3	Tellas Burnside	G	5'10"	Fr.
11	Al Willis	G	5'9"	Fr.
12	Kevin Bobbitt	G	6'0"	So.
15	Corey Hornsby	F	6'4"	So.
21	Stephen Dyess	G	6'3"	Fr.
22	Will Florence	G	6'0"	So.
23	Reggie Carter	F	6'4"	So.
25	Dewayne Hughes	G	5'9"	Fr.
30	Demario Qualls	G	6'0"	So.
32	Jamaal Martin	G	5'11"	Fr.
33	Donzell Crenshaw	G	6'3"	So.
34	Chris Morgan	C	6'7"	Fr.
42	Desmond Jones	F	6'2"	Fr.
44	Brandon Mason	F	6'5"	Fr.
45	Colt Aldison	F	6'4"	Fr.
	Coach: Billy Smith			

WEEK OF Nov 18

ECCC opens hoops with hopes

Basketball season began the first week of November for East Central Community College.

Billy Smith's Warriors feature six sophomores from last year's squad, which posted a 10-12 overall mark and was 5-7 in South Division action.

Coach Smith, who begins his second year at the Warrior helm, said the returnees play a key role in the team's success.

"Our sophomores will be called on to carry the team until the freshmen can get adjusted to the junior college game. We will be very undersized and will have to rely on full court pressure to be competitive. We will also be dependent on our quickness and shooting ability to have success," Smith said.

Corey Hornsby, a 6-3 guard is the top returnee, averaging 21 points per contest. Donzell Crenshaw, a 6-3 guard, is also a returning starter. Other sophomores are Kevin Bobbitt, Reggie Carter, Will Florence and Demario Qualls.

Freshmen are Tellas Burnside, Stephen Dyess, Jamaal Martin, a 5-11 guard, Dewayne Hughes, a 5-9 guard from Sebastopol; Desmond Jones, Brandon Mason, Chris Morgan, Al Willis and Colt Aldison.

Brad Hodge, who is in his second season as Lady Warrior head coach, has three returnees from last year's team, which advanced to the state and regional tournaments en route to a 14-11 record.

Tamekia Foley, a 5-10 guard/forward, is the leading returning scorer with about six points per contest. Other returnees are Patsy McKee, a 5-10 guard and Melinda Ben, a 5-10 guard/forward from Choctaw Central.

Hodge said he is approaching the upcoming season with "cautious optimism," as the team's success will depend greatly on his freshmen, which he describes as being a "very talented group" with "a lot of athleticism."

Freshmen are Adrian Washington, Miranda Roser, Marquita Anderson and Britney Burks from Scott Central; Kimyatta Viverette, Ebone'e Leverette, Lenore Gray, Monique Overstreet from South Leake; Rita Birden Hope Murray and Andrea Chesney.

Hodge said he does not anticipate the Lady Warriors to have a fast start.

"I do not expect us to get out of the gates early. We will probably experience some bumps along the way. The most important thing is to get this team ready for division play, " Hodge said.

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WEEK OF Nov 18

ECCC Hosts Jones, Itawamba, Holmes Teams In Annual Tourney

Plenty of hoop action can be seen Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26 when East Central Community College hosts its annual tournament at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Teams participating in this year's event include juco squads from Jones County, Itawamba, Holmes and East Central.

Competition gets underway at 2 p.m. Monday featuring the Jones and Holmes women, followed at 4 p.m. by the men's squads from both colleges. East Central women take on Itawamba at 6 p.m., and the ECCC and Itawamba men tangle at 8 p.m.

The schedule for Tuesday has Jones and Itawamba women at 2 p.m., with the Jones and Itawamba men set to battle at 4 p.m. EC's Lady Warriors meet the Holmes women at 6 p.m., and EC's Warriors will challenge the Holmes men at 8 p.m.

For more information contact ECCC coaches Brad Hodge (women) or Billy Smith (men), Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 372 or 243.

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WEEK OF Nov 18

EC Warriors and Lady Warriors drop decisions at Shelton State

After dropping an earlier five-point loss to Shelton State Community College, East Central Community College's Warriors were looking to avenge the 89-84 setback on November 7 but their efforts fell short as the Buccaneers rallied for a 92-85 win in overtime Monday night in Tuscaloosa.

EC, which held a slim 38-36 lead at the break, fell to 2-4 overall.

Sophomore Corey Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., led the Warriors with 22 points. Other scorers were Demario Qualls of Newton, 17; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, 14; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, nine; and Donzell Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., eight each; Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale, six; Al Willis of Newton County, three; and Reggie Carter of University Christian, Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol and Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, two each.

The nondivision matchup was tied 75-75 at the end of regulation.

In women's action, the Lady Warriors were hoping for a season sweep over their Tuscaloosa opponent but such was not the case as EC was outscored 60-51 and saw its record dip to 3-3 on the young season.

Top scorers for EC were Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 19; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, 13; Britney Burks of Scott Central, nine; and Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, six.

The Lady Buccaneers led 26-24 at halftime.

East Central defeated Shelton State 82-80 in overtime on November 7 in Decatur.

Both EC squads travel to East Mississippi Community College in Scooba in nondivision action on Thursday, November 21.

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WEEK OF Nov 18

Gray's last-second basket lifts Lady Warriors over Holmes

Lenore Gray's tip-in with seconds remaining gave East Central Community College's women a thrilling 69-67 decision over Holmes Community College Monday night on the Goodman campus.

Gray, a freshman forward from Newton, pumped in 23 point to lead the Lady Warriors who improved to 3-2 after capturing their third-straight victory on the young campaign.

Also scoring for EC were Rita Birden of Monroe, La., 20; E'bone'e Leverette of Forest, 13; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, five; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, three; Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central and Elyse Willis of Neshoba Central, two each; and Monique Overstreet of South Leake, one.

Holmes led 33-32 at halftime.

In men' action, EC fell 92-84 to the host Bulldogs. Corey Hornsby of Baton Rouge, La., had 31 points to lead the Warriors who dropped to 2-3 on the season.

Also scoring were Demario Qualls of Newton, 24; Donzell Crenshaw of Memphis, Tenn., 10; Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, six; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, five; and Brandon Mason of Baton Rouge, La., and Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, four each.

The Bulldogs led 41-40 at the break.

Next up for ECCC are road games at Shelton State in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Monday, November 18 and at East Mississippi on Thursday, November 21.

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WEEK OF Nov 4

ECCC Warriors Clip Delta In OT; Lady Warriors Fall

DECATUR--Sophomore forward Corey Hornsby blistered the backboards for 40 points and led East Central Community College to a season-opening 85-82 overtime thriller over Mississippi Delta Community College Friday night in Moorhead.

In addition to Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., other EC point makers were Demario Qualls, 14, of Newton; Brandon Mason, 12, of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge; Jamaal Martin, eight, of Northeast Lauderdale; Donzell Crenshaw, five, of Ridgeway High in Memphis, Tenn.; Reggie Carter, four, of University Christian; Kevin Bobbitt, three, of Lake; and Will Florence, two, of North Delta Academy.

The nondivision match-up was deadlocked at 75-75 at the end of regulation. EC led 35-31 at the break.

EC's Lady Warriors were not as fortunate in their first contest of the 2002-03 campaign, as they fell 82-79 to the Delta women. Freshman Lenore Gray of Newton led EC with 14 points. Also scoring were Ebone'e Leverette of Forest and Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 13 each; Kimyatta

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EC led 45-42 at halftime.

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WEEK OF Nov 4, 2002

ECCC Teams Fall At Itawamba

East Central Community College dropped a pair of basketball games in nondivision competition at Itawamba Community College Monday night in Fulton.

The Warriors fell 71-61 to the host Indians and saw their record dip to 1-1 on the young season, while the Lady Warriors were clipped 53-49 and remain winless in two starts.

Corey Hornsby, a sophomore from Baton Rouge, led East Central with 20 points. Other scorers were Demario Qualls of Newton and Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, 11 each; Reggie Carter of University Christian and Donzell Crenshaw of Memphis, four each; Jamaal Martin and Stephen Dyess, both of Northeast Lauderdale, and Brandon Mason of Baton Rouge, three each; and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, two.

Itawamba led 34-23 at halftime.

Freshman Lenore Gray of Lake led the Lady Warriors with 16 points. Also scoring were Rita Birden, nine, of Monroe, La.; Tamekia Foley, seven, of Newton County; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake and Ebone'e Leverette of Forest, six each; Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central and Britney Burks of Scott Central, two each; and Monique Overstreet of South Leake, one.

EC led 31-30 at the break.

East Central teams will host Shelton (Ala.) State Thursday, with women's action at 6 p.m. and the men's game at 8 p.m. East Mississippi squads come to Decatur on Saturday for a 1 p.m. women's match-up and a 3 p.m. contest featuring the men's squads. Both EC teams travel to Holmes on Monday, November 11.

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WEEK OF Nov 4, 2002

ECCC women win, men fall to Shelton

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — After a couple of close road losses, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors found the win column for the first time this season with an 82-80 overtime win over Shelton State of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Thursday night at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

"Any win is a good win, but after the two tough road losses, this team got the chance to taste a victory and who knows what goes on from there," Lady Warriors' head coach Brad Hodge said.

In beating the defending Region 22 Division II champions, the Lady Warriors had to battle back from a six-point deficit in overtime.

ECCC led 35-31 at halftime and held a 69-62 advantage with 3:42 remaining after a pair of free throws by Britney Burks.

Shelton scored the final seven points of regulation to pull even at 69-69, then opened overtime with a 6-0 run.

The Lady Warriors got three free throws from Kimyatta Viverette and a basket by Lenore Gray to pull to within 75-74 with 2:26 showing. Tamekia Foley gave the Lady Warriors the lead for good with a pair of free shots with 57.9 seconds to go.

A layup by Rita Birden off her own steal with 48.5 seconds left extended the ECCC lead to 78-75. Birden hit a pullup jumper off a fast break 18 seconds later and Burks made two free throws with 7.8 seconds remaining to seal the win as ECCC improved to 1-2.

"We showed a tremendous amount of character tonight," Hodge said. "Right out of the chute in overtime they got six points, but we didn't hang our heads and a lot of times you worry about freshmen hanging their heads.

"The bottom line is teams like Shelton are who we have to beat to have a chance in our division. Shelton's a really good ballclub and that's a good victory."

Gray led ECCC with 18 points. Viverette and Ebonee' Leverette both had 15 points, while Birden scored 13, Burks nine, and Foley eight.

Shelton men	**89**
ECCC men	**84**

In what is becoming a bad habit, the Warriors fell behind by 15 points in the first half and trailed by 21 (62-41) with 16:20 remaining.

"That's two games in a row that we've gotten that far down," Warriors' head coach Bill Smith said. "They shot the lights out in the first half and the start of the second half. It seemed like everything we tried to do, they capitalized on.

"Then we started being a little more aggressive on offense and started getting to the free throw line and that's when we were able to get back in the game."

ECCC battled back to within five on a 3-pointer by Demario Qualls at 79-74 with 5:13 to go and was still

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WEEK OF Nov 4, 2002

East Central takes two from East Mississippi

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR - East Central Community College took a pair of non-division basketball wins from East Mississippi Community College Saturday afternoon. The Warriors and Lady Warriors both improved to 2-2. EMCC's Lady Lions fell to 1-2, while the Lions dropped to 0-3.

ECCC women	**63**
EMCC	**54**

Scoring droughts hurt both teams in the women's contest, but the Lady Warriors got their game back on track in time to take the nine-point win.

ECCC carried a slim 27-26 lead into halftime behind nine points from Lenore Gray and six from Miranda Rosar and led 37-30 with 14:58 remaining after a 3-pointer by Kimyatta Viverette.

The Lady Warriors then went scoreless for the next four minutes and 27 seconds as EMCC used a 10-0 run to go up 40-37 on a layup by Darnika Washington with 11:50 left.

The Lady Lions made only 1-of-4 free throws over the next three minutes as ECCC stayed within striking range at 41-39. EMCC then went four minutes and 40 seconds without any points.

An 8-0 run highlighted by a three-point play by Tamekia Foley, a layup by Elyse Willis off a steal and outlet pass by Viverette, and a put-back basket by Viverette gave ECCC a 48-41 lead with 4:36 showing.

"It was a game of streaks," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "We were very cold in the first half and had a lot of shots rim out. They jumped right back in it with that 10-0 run."

EMCC got to within five with 1:44 left when Candace Spires hit a 3-pointer, but a 5-of-6 showing at the free-throw line by Rita Birden and Britney Burks put ECCC up 63-51 and sealed the Lady Warriors' second straight win.

"That's two games in three days and you just have to do whatever you can to find a way to win," Hodge said. "It's not pretty, but we'll take it, especially with this group that we've got. You can see some confidence growing in some of them. Miranda Rosar came off the bench and did a great job. Lenore Gray obviously did a fantastic job. Kimyatta Viverette gave us a boost in the second half after she was absent in the first half. We're starting to get some people to gain some confidence."

Gray led ECCC with 16 points. Viverette had nine, while Burks and Foley both scored eight. Of ECCC's top six scorers, all but Foley are freshmen.

"Hopefully these freshmen will keep their heads up and keep working hard every day and good things will happen to them," Hodge said.

Cedra Glover led EMCC with 15 points. Katrina Barr tossed in eight.

ECCC men	**70**
EMCC	**58**

The Warriors scored the first six points and held EMCC scoreless for a little over three minutes to start the men's contest. ECCC led 36-29 at halftime after being up 29-19 on a 3-pointer by Demario Qualls with 6:33 to go in the first half.

The Lions rallied to within 38-33, but Al Willis hit a pair of 3-pointers over a 52-second span to give ECCC a 44-36 lead.

"Our second and third bunch came in and did a real good job for us," ECCC head coach Bill Smith said. "We were trying to rest our first team for Monday night (at Holmes). We'll have played five games in eight days, so we're trying to play as many people as we can.

"We did a lot better job in the second half of running our offense. We had way too many turnovers in the first half, but any time you get a win it's nice.

"Al hit two big shots and Dewayne Hughes hit three 3s and that put them out of reach and we were able to hang on at the end."

After leading by as many as 12 when a basket by Hughes gave ECCC a 48-36 lead with 11:04 remaining, the Warriors were 11-of-16 at the free-throw line over the final eight minutes, while EMCC was a cold 1-of-6.

Donzel Crenshaw led ECCC with 13 points. Desmond Jones scored nine and Reggie Carter had eight.

Corey Hornsby, who came in averaging 32.7 points, was held to three after being saddled with four first half fouls.

"We had a mess up on the fouls," Smith said. "We had him with three and they had him with four. Maybe that did us some good. We got to make sure some other guys could score too instead of relying just on Corey."

EMCC got 11 points from Marcus Houston and nine from Anthony Johnson.

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Dec. 5	host Pearl River
Jan. 7	host Mississippi Delta
Jan. 9	at Hinds
Jan. 13	host Southwest
Jan. 16	at Meridian
Jan. 20	at Copiah-Lincoln
Jan. 23	host Jones County
Jan. 27	host Gulf Coast
Jan. 30	at Pearl River
Feb. 3	host Hinds
Feb. 6	at Southwest
Feb. 10	host Meridian
Feb. 13	host Copiah-Lincoln
Feb. 17	at Jones County
Feb. 20	at Gulf Coast
Feb. 24-27	MACJC State Tournament
Mar. 3-6	Region 23 Tournament at Clinton

LADY WARRIORS

From left to right: (Front row) Adrian Washington, Marquita Anderson, Kimyatta Viverette, Ebone'e Leverette, Patsy McKee and Lenore Gray. (Second row) Monique Overstreet, Britney Burks, Hope Murray, Rita Birden, Tamekia Foley, Melinda Ben, Andrea Chesney and Miranda Rosar. (Back row) Head coach Brad Hodge, student assistant Tekeyla Singleton, student assistant Ashley Jones, student assistant Temeka Drummond, student assistant Megan Logan, student assistant Shay Moncrief and assistant coach Betsy Harris.

QUICK FACTS

Head coach: Brad Hodge
District: MACJC South Division
Season-opener: Lost 82-79 to Miss. Delta.
Last season: The Lady Warriors made it to the state semifinals and finished with a 14-10 record.

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EAST CENTRAL

Nov. 1	at Mississippi Delta
Nov. 4	at Itawamba
Nov. 7	host Shelton State
Nov. 9	host East Mississippi
Nov. 11	at Holmes
Nov. 18	at Shelton State
Nov. 21	at East Mississippi
Nov. 25	host Itawamba
Nov. 26	host Holmes
Dec. 5	host Pearl River
Jan. 7	host Mississippi Delta
Jan. 9	at Hinds
Jan. 13	host Southwest
Jan. 16	at Meridian
Jan. 20	at Copiah-Lincoln
Jan. 23	host Jones County
Jan. 27	host Gulf Coast
Jan. 30	at Pearl River
Feb. 3	host Hinds
Feb. 6	at Southwest
Feb. 10	host Meridian
Feb. 13	host Copiah-Lincoln
Feb. 17	at Jones County
Feb. 20	at Gulf Coast
Feb. 24-27	MACJC State Tournament
Mar. 3-6	Region 23 Tournament at Clinton

WARRIORS

From left to right: (Front row) Al Willis, Jamaal Martin, Tellas Burnside, Kevin Bobbitt, Dwayne Hughes and Will Florence. (Second row) Demario Qualls, Reggie Carter, Donzel Crenshaw, Corey Hornsby, Brandon Mason, Chris Morgan, colt Aldison and Desmond Jones. (Back row) Student assistant Tim Morgan, student assistant Lorenzo White, III, assistant coach Derrick Fears, head coach Bill Smith and student assistant Corey Burt.

QUICK FACTS

Head coach: Bill Smith
District: MACJC South Division
Season-opener: Beat Miss. Delta 85-82 in overtime.
Last season: The Warriors finished with a record of 10-12 in Smith's first season at the helm.

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WEEK OF NOV 4, 2002

EC Hoops off and running

Sophomore forward Corey Hornsby blistered the backboards for 40 points and led East Central Community College to a season-opening 85-82 overtime thriller over Mississippi Delta Community College Friday night in Moorhead.

In addition to Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., other EC point makers were Demario Qualls, 14, of Newton; Brandon Mason, 12, of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge; Jamaal Martin, eight, of Northeast Lauderdale; Donzell Crenshaw, five, of Ridgeway High in Memphis, Tenn.; Reggie Carter, four, of University Christian; **Kevin Bobbitt**, three, of Lake; and Will Florence, two, of North Delta Academy.

The nondivision match-up was deadlocked at 75-75 at the end of regulation. EC led 35-31 at the break.

EC's Lady Warriors were not as fortunate in their first contest of the 2002-03 campaign, as they fell 82-79 to the Delta women.

Freshman Lenore Gray of Newton led EC with 14 points. Also scoring were **Ebone'e Leverette** of Forest and Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 13 each; **Kimyatta Viverette**, 11, of Lake; Tamekia Foley, nine, of Newton County; Monique Overstreet of South Leake and **Britney Burks** of Scott Central, seven each; **Patsy McKee**, three, of Forest; and Melinda Ben, two, of Choctaw Central. EC led 45-42 at halftime.

In games scheduled this week, EC teams travel to Itawamba on Monday, November 4, and entertain Shelton State (Ala.) Thursday (6 and 8 p.m.) and East Mississippi on Saturday (1 and 3 p.m.) at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Warriors and Lady Warrior will be guests of Holmes Community College on Monday, November 11.

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WEEK OF Nov. 4, 2002

East Central basketball teams open with split at Mississippi Delta

The East Central Community College basketball teams made their 2002-03 debut Friday night at Moorhead with a split with Mississippi Delta. The Warriors won 85-82 in overtime, while the Lady Warriors dropped an 82-79 contest.

The first home games are slated for Thursday against Shelton State of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Billy Smith's Warriors feature six sophomores from last year's squad which posted a 10-12 overall mark and was 5-7 in South Division action. Smith said the returnees play a key role in the team's success.

"Our sophomores will be called on to carry the team until the freshmen can get adjusted to the junior college game. We will be very undersized and will have to rely on full court pressure to be competitive. We will also be dependent on our quickness and shooting ability to have success," Smith said.

Corey Hornsby, a 6-foot-3 guard from Baton Rouge, La., is the top returnee, averaging 21 points per contest. He made the All-State squad last season and was selected the Warriors' top offensive player. He had 40 points against Delta Friday night.

Donzell Crenshaw, a 6-foot-3 guard from Memphis, is also a returning starter. Other sophomores are Kevin Bobbitt, a 6-foot guard; Reggie Carter, a 6-foot-4 forward; Will Florence, a 6-foot guard; and Demario Qualls, a 6-foot guard.

Freshmen are Tellas Burnside, a 5-foot-10 guard; Stephen Dyess, a 6-foot-3 guard; Jamaal Martin, a 5-foot-11 guard, Dewayne Hughes, a 5-foot-9 guard; Desmond Jones, a 6-foot-2 forward; Brandon Mason, a 6-foot-5 forward; Chris Morgan, a 6-foot-7 center; Al Willis, a 5-foot-9 guard from Newton County; and Colt Aldison, a 6-foot-4 forward.

Derrick Fears begins his first season as Smith's assistant.

Brad Hodge, who is in his second season as Lady Warrior head coach, has three returnees from last year's team, which advanced to the state and regional tournaments en route to a 14-11 record.

Tamekia Foley, a 5-foot-10 guard/forward from Newton County, is the leading returning scorer with about six points per contest. Other returnees are Patsy McKee, a 5-foot-10 guard, and Melinda Ben, a 5-foot-10 guard/forward.

Hodge said he is approaching the upcoming season with "cautious optimism," as the team's success will depend greatly on his freshmen, which he describes as being a "very talented group" with "a lot of athleticism."

First-year players are Adrian Washington, a 5-foot-11 forward; Miranda Roser, a 5-foot-11 forward; Marquita Anderson, a 5-foot-5 guard; Britney Burks, a 5-foot-9 guard; Kimyatta Viverette, a 6-foot guard/forward; Ebone'e Leverette, a 6-foot forward; Lenore Gray, a 6-foot-1 forward; Monique Overstreet, a 5-foot-11 guard/forward; Rita Birden, a 5-foot-10 guard; Hope Murray, a 5-foot-10 guard/forward; and Andrea Chesney, a 6-foot forward from Newton County Academy.

Hodge said he does not anticipate the Lady Warriors to have a fast start.

"I do not expect us to get out of the gates early. We will probably experience some bumps along the way and will no doubt have some highs and lows in the early going. The most important thing is to get this team ready for division play, " Hodge said.

Assisting Hodge is Betsy Harris.

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WEEK OF Nov 25

East Central takes two from Holmes

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — A pair of wins over the last two days has gotten the East Central Community College Warriors over .500. A 76-63 win over Holmes Tuesday night, along with an 82-69 victory over Itawamba on Monday, has the Warriors at 5-4 heading into Thanksgiving.

"We're starting to play pretty good together," ECCC head coach Bill Smith said. "We had contributions from everybody on the floor tonight.

"We challenged them. Holmes is supposed to be the No. 1 team in the North (Division) and we were able to hold them in the first half. The first five minutes of the second half we turned it up a notch and got a lead and were able to hold on down the stretch."

The Warriors led 17-5 nine minutes into the game, but Holmes, 6-3, went on a late 8-0 run to take a 32-30 lead into the break.

A 9-0 run put ECCC up 44-34 with 16:09 left. Freshman Desmond Jones had six points during that stretch. A layup by Demario Qualls gave the Warriors a 57-41 advantage with 10:13 remaining and defending MACJC state champion Holmes could get no closer than 10 points the rest of the game. Corey Hornsby led the Warriors with 20 points. Donzel Crenshaw scored 15, Qualls had 13, Jones had 12, Brandon Mason scored nine, and Jamaal Martin added six.

seconds, Foley made all four of her free throw attempts and had a pair of defensive rebounds as the Lady Warriors stretched back out to a 65-57 lead with only 50 seconds to go.

"Tamekia has struggled at times, but tonight she had a real good game," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "She showed up and gave us good leadership and made some big shots early."

ECCC was clinging to a 23-21 lead before scoring the next 15 points to take a 38-26 lead into halftime.

"We were struggling trying to get the ball down the floor at times and letting them attack us," Hodge said. "We changed our defense just before halftime and really got after them and stretched it out."

Foley led ECCC with 19 points. Rita Birden scored 17, Kimyatta Viverette had 14, and Britney Burks had eight.

Jones men 79
Itawamba 70

The Bobcats placed four players in double figures and had two more with nine points in beating defending Region 23 champion Itawamba.

Timothy Broomfield had 14 points and nine rebounds for JCJC. Lee Kirkpatrick had 14 points and six rebounds. Marvin McDonald had 12 points, John Gray had 11, and Marcus Johnson and Lafayette Nelson both had nine.

ECCC women 68
Holmes 60

The Lady Warriors have only two sophomores on their roster, but second-year player Tamekia Foley stepped up big in the closing minutes as ECCC improved to 6-3.

ECCC led 38-36 at halftime and by as many as 16 points in the second half before Holmes whittled its deficit to 60-57 with 2:20 remaining. Over the next 90

Itawamba women 91
Jones 62

Jones was only down 46-38 at halftime, but the Lady Indians held a 45-24 advantage over the final 20 minutes to win going away.

ICC was hot from 3-point range, making 10-of-25 tries to hold a 30-3 scoring advantage over JCJC from long distance. The Lady Indians also had a 34-8 scoring advantage on points off turnovers.

ICC got 24 points and seven rebounds from Tiffany Garth.

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WEEK OF Nov 25

East Central takes two in JUCO tourney action

By Jeff Byrd
staff writer

The East Central Thanksgiving Tournament saw a successful night of action for the Warriors and Lady Warriors.

The East Central women turned back Itawamba 61-50 while the East Central men downed ICC 82-68.

The Lady Warriors, now 5-3, led 32-19 at the half. The loss drops Itawamba to 5-2.

Lenore Gray led East Central with 20 points and Rita Birden had 10.

Itawamba was led by Sherra Edwards with 11.

The East Central men led Itawamba 39-30 at the half. The win moves the Warriors to 4-4 on the season. Itawamba falls to 5-2.

Corey Hornsby led ECCC with 26 points. Jamal Martin had 13 and Brandon Mason chipped in 10.

Itawamba was led by O'Brian Lowe with 17 points. Byron Huggins had 15 and Ray Hazzell chipped in 10.

The tournament continues today with Itawamba facing Jones in both men's and women's games at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Holmes will take on East Central in the two evening contests at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

In junior college action elsewhere, the East Mississippi men tumbled to 1-8 with an 81-45 loss to pearl River and the EMCC women moved to 4-5 on the year with a 72-58 win over Judson.

Dorcieous Powe led the Lady Lions with 11 points.

The EMCC women led 39-25 at the half, while the East Mississippi men trailed Pearl River 44-24 after the first 20 minutes of play.

No further details of either game were available.

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WEEK OF Nov 25

ECCC takes two wins over EMCC in hoops action

By Ryan Satcher
staff writer

SCOOBA — East Central Community College swept East Mississippi Community here on Thursday night in a pair of close basketball games.

The Lady Warriors came away with a very close 67-61 victory while the Warriors used late pressure to come away with a 70-58 win over the Lions.

In the women's game, the Lady Warriors took control of the game late in the second half to go to the victory and improve to 4-3 on the season.

"Coach (Dale) Peay has a really good ballclub," said ECCC head coach Brad Hodge. "They are very athletic and they got after us. We missed a lot of shots and kind of hung our heads and struggled for the better part of three-quarters of the game. Then we made some changes and got some easy baskets and got some flow going. We got some stops on their end and that really helped."

The Lady Lions jumped out to a lead in the first half. EMCC stretched a lead out to seven points with a 9-2 run to make the score 19-12 with 8:21 left in the half.

The Lady Warriors came back to tie the game with three minutes remaining in the first frame. ECCC held the lead until the final minute of the half. With 30 seconds left, however, Katrina Barr hit a three-pointer to give the Lady Lions the 30-29 lead at half.

The Lady Lions were able to stretch the lead out to six points after another three by Barr with 13:27 left in the game, but from there it was all East Central. The Lady Warriors went on a 8-0 run to take the lead and then went on a 13-4 run down led by Rita Burden down the stretch to extend the lead. Burden scored six points in the run while Kimyatta Viverette added three.

EMCC came back to cut the lead to five points with two baskets from Yolanda Thomas. The Lady Lions cut the lead down to four points on a three-point play by Starr Potts, but it was not enough as the Lady Warriors held on for the 67-61 win.

"I was very frustrated in the second half," said EMCC coach Dale Peay. "We were up 41-36 and then got outscored 20-6 and that's the difference in the ballgame."

Birden finished the game with 15 points for East Central while Tamekia Foley and Viverette added in 13. Thomas led EMCC with 14 while Barr hit for 13.

East Central men	**70**
East Mississippi	**58**

The Lions came on strong in the second half, but East Central turned up the defensive intensity to take a 70-58 win.

"We had a lead and they went to a zone and that threw us off for a while," said East Central coach Billy Smith. "We turned up the defensive intensity a little bit. We got a few steals and got a few key turnovers that we scored points off of so that gave us a little bit momentum. They had us on the ropes there for a little while. We played just hard enough to come back and win."

East Central controlled most of the first half and held a six-point lead for the majority of the time. The Lions closed the gap to three points with 3:06 left in the half, but East Central responded with a run to take a 37-28 lead at half.

East Mississippi made a strong run in the second half to take a lead. The Lions outscored the Warriors 18-8 in the early part of the half, but caught East Central too quickly.

The Warriors turned up the heat in the final minutes and went on a 15-5 run to stretch the lead back out to nine points. The Lions were unable to come back again and East Central held on to the 70-58 win.

"Their man press at the end just killed us," said EMCC coach Clay Armstrong. "We couldn't do anything."

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Warriors Post Wins

ECCC's Lady Warriors returned to their winning ways last week by notching impressive road wins over Gulf Coast and Hinds, while the Warriors fell in a high-scoring affair to the host Bulldogs after earlier downing Hinds on the Utica campus.

The ECCC women, whose record stands at 10-6 overall and 4-3 in South Division, cruised past the Lady Bulldogs 60-44 Thursday night behind Nikki LaCour's 15 points. In addition to LaCour, a product of Natchitoches (La.) Central, other scorers wre Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, 13: Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, 11: Shelly Giddings of University (Penn.) City, eight; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, six; Ashley Brown of Scott Central, five; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, three; and Christina Ford of Enterprise, one.

EC held a commanding 30-16 lead at halftime.

The two teams met earlier in the season with the Lady Wariors posting an 81-71 decision.

The Warriors, now 6-10 and 2-5, scored a season-high 98 points but were outgunned by the Gulf Coast men who tallied 103 points and claimed their second win over East Central in regular season competition. Gulf Coast earlier claimed a 95-76 victory.

Former Choctaw Central standout James Denson led East Central with 28 points. Also scoring were Winfred Craig of Louisville, 25; Corey Hornsby of Istrouma (La.) School School, 19; Maurice English of Union, 14; Dearo Qualls of Newton, eight; Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway, (Tenn.) High School, three; and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, one.

The Bulldogs led 50-30 at the break.

In action against Hinds, LaCour's 10-foot jumper with two seconds remaining lifted the Lady Warriors to a 60-59 victory. An heroic finish was not needed for the Warriors who came away with a 67-60 decision.

LaCour and Cumberland each tallied 17 points to lead EC. Other scorers were Ford, eight; Brown, six; Foley,four; Giddings and Eichelberger, three each; and Cistrunk, two.

The Warriors led 36-33 at intermission.

Warrior point makers were Craig and Hornsby, 14 each; Denson, 12; English, nine; Bobbitt, eight; Qualls, six; and Crenshaw, four.

EC held a 31-24 advantage at halftime.

Ec squads host division foe Copiah-Lincoln Community College on Thursday, February 7.

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WEEK OF Dec 4

Unbeaten set to square off in ECCC tourney

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — After taking tonight off, several unbeaten basketball seasons will get put to the test over the next two days in the East Central Community College Classic.

In girls' winners' bracket play on Friday, Newton County, 8-0, takes on Newton, 4-3, at 4 p.m. with West Lauderdale, 10-0, facing Lake, 5-0, in the 7 p.m. contest. In the girls' losers' bracket, Morton faces Scott Central, 4-5, at 4 p.m. with Enterprise taking on Neshoba Central, 0-8, at 7 p.m.

In the boys' winners' bracket, Morton, 8-1, takes on Northeast Lauderdale, 4-6, at 5:30 p.m. with West Lauderdale, 9-0, facing Neshoba Central, 7-1, at 8:30 p.m. In the boys' losers' bracket, Nanih Waiya, 1-1, faces off with Enterprise, 0-8, at 5:30 p.m. with Newton County, 1-5, meeting Sebastopol at 8:30 p.m.

Winners' bracket games will be played in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building with the losers playing on the ECCC South campus.

W. Lauderdale girls 57
Sebastopol 38

The Lady Knights led 32-15 at halftime in upping their record to 10-0. West held a 42-20 advantage through three periods.

J.J. Huggins led West with 18 points. Shannon Lloyd scored 10, Kristina Gardner eight, and Patty Monroe seven. Lloyd also had nine rebounds, while Huggins had eight.

Sophomore Ashley Johnson led Sebastopol, 5-4, with 19 points. Tamika Triplett scored 10.

Neshoba C. boys 50
Newton County 44

The Rockets improved to 7-1 with the six-point win. Trailing 41-33 through three periods, the Rockets held the Cougars to just three free throws over the final eight minutes. The 17-3 scoring advantage gave Neshoba Central its second win over Newton County this season.

Neshoba Central got 18 points from Calvin Parker, 14 from Eric Truss, and seven from Anthony Jones.

Mylan Anderson led Newton County, 1-5, with 15 points. Ricardo Alcantar scored eight and Craig Pruitt tossed in seven.

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Newton girls 56
Nanih Waiya 54

Twila Clayton's steal of an inbounds pass and quick score with four seconds left snapped a 54-54 tie after Nanih Waiya had erased an eight-point deficit to pull even.

Newton, 4-3, led 21-14 after one period only to have Nanih Waiya rally to within 32-29 by halftime. The teams were knotted at 42-42 heading into the fourth quarter.

Clayton led Newton with 15 points,. Creoshia Williams scored 14, Kotreece Bender had 13, and Aja Loveless added seven.

Nanih Waiya, 2-1, got 19 points from Heather Steele, 17 from Ashley Pugh, nine from Christy Hickman, and seven from Cynthia Madison.

Northeast boys 63
Lake 56

The Trojans jumped out to a 24-11 first quarter lead and carried a 40-21 advantage into halftime as they improved to 4-6.

Northeast held a 55-32 lead going into the final period in which Lake claimed a 24-8 advantage.

Marcus Betts hit five 3-pointers in leading Northeast with 20 points. Alex Ford scored 15, Greg Powell had 12, and Antonio Clayton and Maurice Langston had six each.

Lake, 4-2, got 21 points

Morton boys 72
Newton 60

Chris Lloyd scored 28 points and Andrew Lewis had 23 to lead Morton, 8-1, past the Tigers. Lloyd had three 3-pointers. Morton also got 10 points from Justin Ficklin.

Newton, 2-4, got 30 points from Coshune Bingham, 13 from Laderrian Blaylock, and eight from Cornelius Caraway.

Newton Co. girls 58
Northeast 50

The Lady Cougars also kept their perfect season alive with the eight-point win. In improving to 8-0, Newton County got 14 points from Phyllis Cole, 13 from freshman Lynnesha Ramsey, 11 from Andrea Dubose, eight from Dominique Mapp, and seven from Kristin Chaney.

Shaquita Bell led Northeast with 23 points, 13 of which came in the fourth quarter. Crystal Hopson scored 12, Quin Jackson had eight, and Shalonda McDonald added six.

Lake girls 53
Neshoba Central 47

The Lady Hornets got 18 points from Kim Cox and 14 from Roxana Rogers in handing the Lady Rockets their eighth consecutive loss.

Neshoba Central led 10-8 after one quarter only to have Lake take a 23-21 lead into halftime. The Lady Hornets built their lead up to 38-29 to start the fourth quarter.

Lake, 5-0, also got six points each from Shariece Towner and April Viverette.

Neshoba Central, 0-8, got 17 points from India Backstrom, 13 from Krystal Wells, and 10 from Joni Willis.

W. Lauderdale 76
Scott C. boys 37

The Knights stayed unbeaten as they improved to 9-0 with the 39-point win. West raced out to a 27-6 first quarter lead and took a 44-21 lead into halftime.

West got 18 points from Calvin Moore, 16 from Boo Ramsey, seven each from Lee Nelson and Rayshun Hopson, and six each from Mark Ford, Charles Andrews, and Karlos Lewis.

Roderick Loper hit three 3-pointers in leading the Rebels, 6-4, with 21 points.

WEEK OF Dec 2

West Lauderdale sweeps

By Jeff Byrd
staff writer

DECATUR — Too big, too physical and basically too good. That's how Newton County head coach Natalie Vance described West Lauderdale in a battle of unbeatens for the East Central Community College Classic girls title here Saturday night.

The Lady Knights over-powered Newton County 74-48, handing the Lady Cougars their first loss of the season after opening with nine straight wins including two more in the ECCC Classic.

It wasn't that Newton County played bad, it was more West played so well.

The West boys also brought home the title in the boys finals beating Northeast Lauderdale for the fourth straight time this year, 62-44.

West Lauderdale girls	**74**
Newton County	**48**

When 5-foot-9 power forward J.J. Huggins crossed midcourt in the waning seconds of the first quarter, and then launched a 25-foot, three-pointer that found nothing but net, Vance knew her team was in trouble.

"I used to think the weakness of this team was its outside shooting. But then I see J.J. cross half-court, make a dribble and knock it down from that far out. And Kristina (Gardner) and Cierra (Jennings) also hit ones earlier. Where's the weakness in this team," Vance asked?

"They were just too big and too physical for us. Plus, Jody Hurst is a great coach and he does a great job with them," Vance said.

Hurst felt his team played well in all three games in route to the title. West is now 12-0 on the season and the ECCC crown makes two tourney titles for the year.

"We played well the whole tournament," Hurst said. "We're trying to be a team that has the whole package. J.J. has really worked on her outside shooting and she played well tonight."

Huggins scored 10 of her game-high 21 points in the first quarter. Her three-pointer turned a 19-14 game into a 22-14 lead at the horn. West then scored the first five points of the second quarter to go up 27-14.

Junior post Shannon Lloyd scored three baskets off the block to help steer the club in the latter stages of the quarter. The Lady Knights led 40-23 at the half.

The baskets were more distributed equally for the Lady Knights in the third quarter but they all came basically inside the lane. The result was a 54-28 advantage. Newton answered with a mini-spurt at the end of the quarter to make it 55-37.

Kristen Chaney, who went scoreless in the first half, hit a three late to key the Lady Cougar rally.

Newton County, though, couldn't keep up in the fourth quarter as West eventually built a 29-point lead.

Huggins was named the most valuable player. Gardner also made the All-Tournament team and finished with 17 points. Lloyd had 12 and Kelia Wilson chipped in eight, including 6-for-6 off the free throw line.

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Dec 2

ECCC tourney titles

Andrea Dubose led Newton County with 12 points. Chaney and Dominique Mapp were both named All-Tournament and both had nine points.

West boys 62
Northeast 44

Trojans coach Lewis Lightsey tried to slow things down a bit against West Lauderdale. The Knights had earlier swept the home-and-home series from the rival Trojans and had a win in the County Tournament at MCC.

It was only 25-17 at the half, but the Knights turned it on in the second half and pulled away for the 18-point win. West is now 11-0 on the season while the Trojans fall to 5-7.

"We were flat and this was the fourth time we've played them in 29 days," Lightsey said. "I'm glad we're done with them because we're tired of seeing each other.

"We tried to slow it down, but they're still up eight at the half and they didn't that well. But we couldn't score," he added.

West coach Duran Clark wants his team to be more focused for the start of division play which begins next week.

"We played alright in spurts, but the intensity wasn't there. It needs to be there when we open with Carthage on Tuesday and then have Philly after that."

Tourney MVP Calvin Moore led the Knights with 22 points. Boo Ramsey tossed in 13 and Karlos Lewis chipped in 12.

A three-pointer by Ramsey helped hand the Knights a 37-24 advantage. It was 46-32 after three quarters. The Knights would go up 20 before settling for the 18-point win.

Alex Ford who had 11 points and Marcus Betts who added nine were named to the All-Tourney team.

Morton 41
Neshoba Central 39

Morton rallied with 16 points in the fourth quarter to edge the Rockets 41-39 in the boys consolation game.

Morton is now 9-2 and the Rockets are 7-3. Calvin Parker led Neshoba with 16 points.

Lake girls 59
Newton girls 56

Newton's Kotreece Bender scored 33 points in the second half but it wasn't enough to beat Lake in the girls consolation game. Valarie Harris tossed in 18 and April Viverette had 11 to lead Lake (6-1).

Bender had just two points at the half. She broke loose to end with 35 including an 18-of-21 effort from the line.

Newton County boys 72
Nanih Waiya 44

Newton County improved to 3-5 with the big win over Nanih Waiya in Saturday's opening game.

Craig Prewitt had 18 points and Del Murrell had 16 including 12 off four, three-pointers.

WEEK OF Dec 2

ECCC heads into holidays with sweep

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

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WEEK OF Dec 23

EC Warriors and Lady Warriors assess

Two teams feel good progress has been made in the first

By David Hawkins
Editor, Spirit of Morton

In view of the holiday schedules and the lack of high school sports coverage, the *Spirit of Morton* has asked area coaches to share where they feel their teams stand so far this season.

The first response comes from East Central Community College's women's basketball coach Brad Hodge The questions were written by East Central Community College Public Information Director, Bubby Johnston of Forest.

1. What are your thoughts about how the season has gone so far?

Having a team of 11 Freshman and 3 sophomores and to be at 7-3, following an 0-2 start, we have to be pleased with the effort and progress. We knew it would be a slow start with the scheduled we faced but it was necessary in order to be prepared for division play. The only unfortunate issue is that we closed the first semester with 4 straight wins, playing pretty good defensively,and now we don't play again until Jan. 5. However, these Freshmen now have an idea of what it takes to compete at this level, therefore, the preparation time is not the premium it was when we started. Now we have to prepare for Co-Lin, Meridian, Gulf Coast, Jones, Southwest, Hinds, and Pearl River as we get full swing into division play.

2. What do you see as the strengths of this year's team at this point in the season?

This team does a lot of things fairly well but nothing just overwhelmingly good. It is difficult at this time to define their strength. We have had so much to learn from each other and as a staff. Although, being good at many phases of the game makes it more challenging for our opponents in their game preparation.

3. What do you feel is the team's weakness?

We have many weaknesses but I'll let our opponents try to figure them out. However, we are still needing more leadership and experience as we get ready for division play- only time can develop those needs.

4. What player or players would you like to mention who have played key roles in the team's success?

We have had contributions from many players so it would unfair to just name a few. That is one of the good things about this team - on any given night someone different has stepped up and given us productive minutes. The biggest surprise so far has been Lenore Gray. She has been the most productive offensively. The team has gotten to the point where they expect her to be there every night. Tamekia Foley has started to come around the last 5 games and given us the lift we needed. Kimyatta Viverette has not put up big offensive numbers, yet. But, she has a presence on the floor defensivley that we just cannot coach. Britney Burks has had to take on a role at the point guard position due to early injuries and has done a good job of learning through "trial by fire". She has played more minutes than anyone and has never complained. I have a lot of respect for her and the job she has done so far. However, Rita Birden has been a workhorse on both ends of the floor most every night. She has led us in scoring on several occasions while taking on the task of defending the opponent's top scorer.

What is the most significant win of the season so far?

All wins have been good with this group and to indicate a significant one may be too early on this season. However, two wins were very important so far: First, Shelton

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mid-season progress

half of the season

State - first win on the season after two close road loses. We went to overtime in that game and displayed a tremendous amount of heart and character to battle back for that victory. Secondly, the Pearl River win was a good victory to get us off to a good start in division play against a very good and well-coached team. They were undefeated coming in that night and that win helped us gain some confidence going into the holidays.

The top scoring leaders for the lady Warriors are listed below:

Rita Birden	13.7 ppg
Lenore Gray	13.3 ppg
Tamekia Foley	10.2 ppg
Kimyatta Viverette	9.3 ppg

Team Defense 62.3 ppg - goals was to be below 64.

Coach Hodge said the team stats are not accurate at this time. hopefully, during the holidays they could get them updated.

Coach Billy Smith offered these brief comments on the men's team at East Central College.

Our season has been going real well. As of late, we are 6-4 for the year, having won four straight. We defeated the number 20 team, Pearl River, in our first division of the year. That has to be our biggest win so far. We also defeated Holmes, which is one of the better teams in the North.

We are playing well as any team at the holiday break, and I really hated to interrupt play.

Cory Hornsby has been our leading scorer thus far this season with an average of 25 points per contest.

Mario Qualls has also come on strong in the last few weeks.

Our strength has been our team play, We have all been contributing when we were on the court.

"I hope we can continue to play as well, when we return from the Christmas/New Years break.

WEEK OF Dec 9

EC wraps up first half of season with sweep

Warriors overcome 10-point deficit to earn division win

From combined reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College wrapped up its first semester of basketball action with a South Division sweep of visiting Pearl River here last Thursday night at ECCC's Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Warriors overcame a double-digit deficit to knock off the Wildcats 81-77, while the Lady Warriors took a 65-56 victory.

East Central's men are now 6-4 overall and 1-0 in the division, while the EC ladies are 7-3 and 1-0. Neither team will see action again until after the Christmas break, when they both take on Mississippi Delta in non-division action on Jan. 7.

In last week's men's game, East Central fell behind 14-4 right off the bat before Pearl River cooled off.

Smith

"They came out and didn't miss their first seven or eight shots," East Central men's coach Bill Smith said. "We had to call a timeout to try to stay in it.

"They've got a good team," Smith said. "That's definitely a big win for us."

East Central was still down by double digits late in the first half before reeling off 17 unanswered points to take the lead. Slam dunks by Brandon Mason, Corey Hornsby and Donzel Crenshaw sparked the run, which helped ECCC take a 45-44 lead at halftime.

Hornsby finished with a game-high 25 points, while Crenshaw and Demario Qualls scored 14 points apiece and Mason 10. Former Neshoba Central standout Desmond Jones chipped in with eight points, including crucial back-to-back baskets in the second half.

It was just the second loss of the season for Pearl River, which fell to 8-2 despite 24 points from Yandell Brown.

In the women's game, East Central put together a late rally in the first half to take a 36-30 lead at the break, then the Lady Warriors overcame a scoreless stretch of more than 6 minutes in the second half.

Three baskets by Rita Birden sparked a 12-2 run that put ECCC in control late in the contest.

East Central head coach Brad Hodge called the victory "ugly" but gladly took it.

"It's a win against a really good team and that's the way you want to start the division and close out Christmas," Hodge said. "Pearl River is very athletic."

The Lady Wildcats got 12 points apiece from Audosha Kelley and Stephanie Gonzales.

EC, meanwhile, got 15 points from Birden and 14 apiece from Lenore Gray and Tamekia Foley. Miranda Rosar of Neshoba chipped in three points.

UPCOMING EAST CENTRAL SCHEDULE

Jan. 7	host Miss. Delta
Jan. 9	at Hinds
Jan. 13	host Southwest
Jan. 16	at Meridian

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Corey Hornsby (15) of the East Central Warriors goes up for a slam against Shelton State Community College out of Tuscaloosa. East Central won the contest 89-84 and Hornsby poured in 38 points in the victory.

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East Central Teams Begin Division Play By Sweeping Pearl River CC

Christmas came a little early for East Central Community College head basketball coaches Billy Smith and Brad Hodge, whose Warriors and Lady Warriors posted impressive decisions over highly regarded Pearl River Community College squads Thursday night at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building in Decatur.

The Warriors, who trailed by 10 points early in first half action, rallied for an 81-77 victory behind Corey Hornsby's 25 points to win their fourth-straight contest. Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., also nailed two free-throws with 4.3 seconds to seal the win for the Warriors, who improved to 6-4 overall and 1-0 in the South Division.

Also playing key roles in the EC win were Demario Qualls of Newton and Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., who tallied 14 apiece. Each also made key three-pointers late in the contest to give EC the lead for good. Other point makers were Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, 10; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, eight; Stephen Dyess and Jamaal Martin, both of Northeast Lauderdale, four each; and Will Florence of North Delta Academy, two.

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In the women's contest, EC upended the previously undefeated Pearl River Lady Wildcats by a 65-56 margin.

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Audosha Kelley of Alfred Ely Beach High School in Savannah, Ga., and Stephanie Gonzales of McKinney High School in Hattiesburg, had 12 points each to lead Pearl River, which fell to 8-1.

EC led 36-30 at the break.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors resume competition following the Christmas holidays by hosting Mississippi Delta Community College on Tuesday, January 7.

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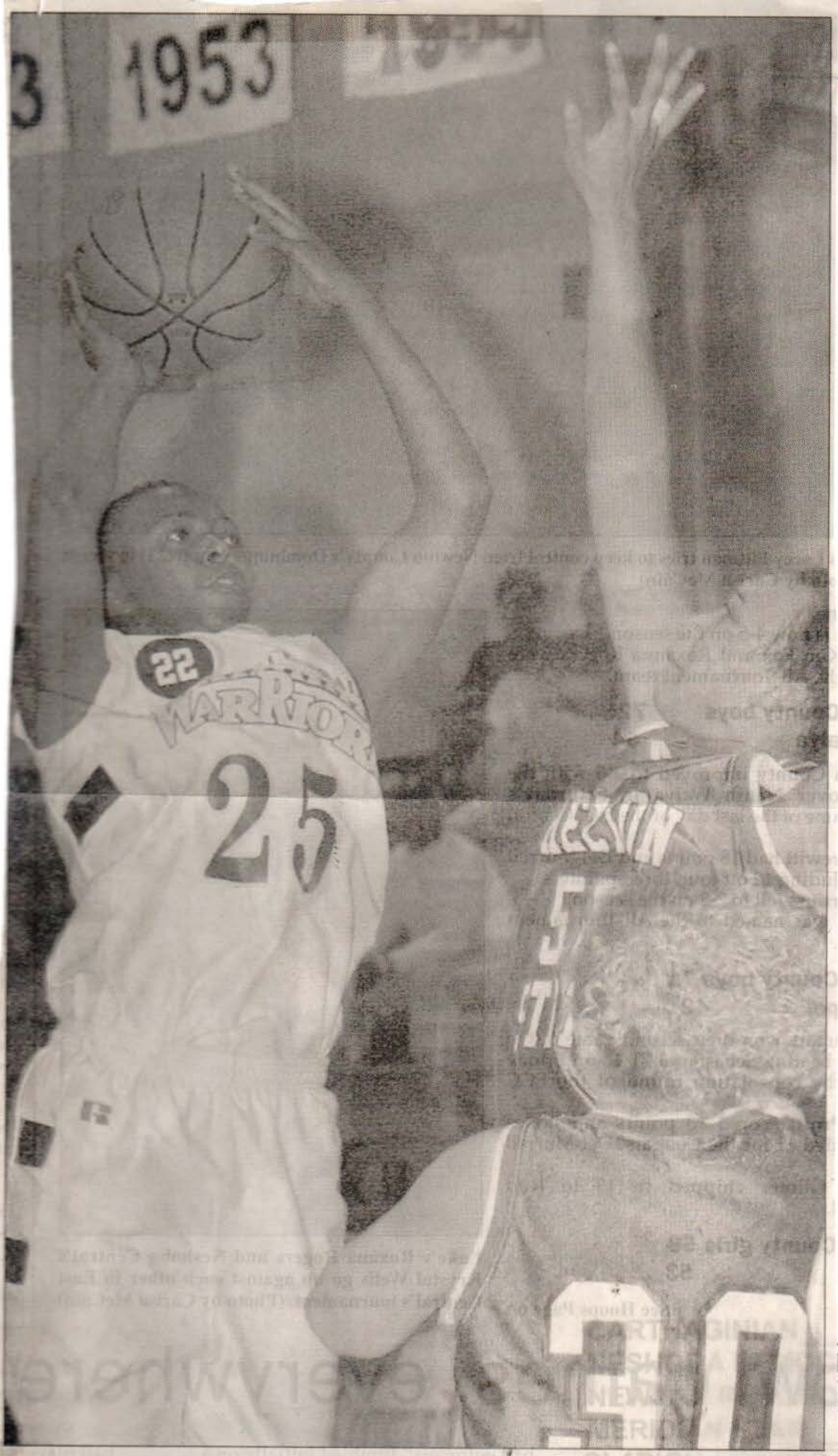

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East Central Community College's Rita Burden (25) puts up a jump shot against Shelton (Ala.) State Community College earlier this season. Going into the Christmas break East Central is 7-3 overall and 1-0 in MACJC South Divison play. The Warriors are 6-4 and 1-0. (Photo by Paula Merritt)

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East Central takes two from PRCC in hoops action

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December			
SEMESTER BREAK (NO GAMES)			
January			
7 (TUES)	MS DELTA	HOME	6:00 PM
9 (THURS)	HINDS	UTICA	6:00 PM
13 (MON)	SOUTHWEST	HOME	6:00 PM
16 (THURS)	MERIDIAN	MERIDAN	6:00 PM
20 (MON)	CO-LIN	WESSON	6:00 PM
23 (THURS)	JONES	HOME	6:00 PM
27 (MON)	GULF COAST	HOME	6:00 PM
30 (THURS)	PEARL RIVER	POPLARVILLE	6:00 PM

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
FEBRUARY			
3 (MON)	HINDS	HOME	6:00 PM
6 (THURS)	SOUTHWEST	SUMMIT	6:00 PM
10 (MON)	MERIDIAN	HOME	6:00 PM
13 (THURS)	CO-LIN	HOME	6:00 PM
17 (MON)	JONES	ELLISVILLE	6:00 PM
20 (THURS)	GULF COAST	PERKINSTON	6:00 PM
24 - 27 STATE TOURNAMENT		TBA	TBA
MARCH			
3 - 6 REGION TOURNAMENT CLINTON			

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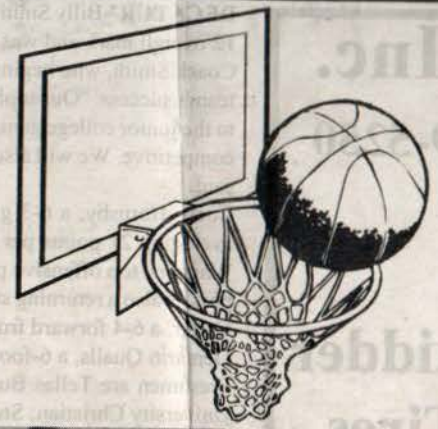
WEEK OF Dec 9

GO HORNETS!



GO WARRIORS!

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ECCC Warriors Members of the 2002-03 East Central Community College men's basketball team are (first row, from left) Al Willis, Newton County; Jamaal Martin, Northeast Lauderdale; Tellas Burnside, Philadelphia; Kevin Bobbitt, Lake; Dwayne Hughes, Sebastopol; and Will Florence, North Delta Academy; (second row, from left) Demario Qualls, Newton; Reggie Carter, University Christian; Donzel Crenshaw, Ridgeway High School, Memphis, Tenn.; Corey Hornsby, Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La.; Brandon Mason, North Dale High School, Baton Rouge; Chris Morgan, Stone County; Colt Aldison, North Delta Academy; and Desmond Jones, Neshoba Central; and (back row, from left) student assistants Tim Morgan of Lake and Lorenzo White III of Quitman; Derrick Fears, assistant coach; Billy Smith, head coach; and student assistant Corey Burt of Neshoba Central. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Basketball Prepared for 2002-03

DECATUR--Billy Smith's Warriors feature six sophomores from last year's squad, which posted a 10-12 overall mark and was 5-7 in South Division action.

Coach Smith, who begins his second year at the Warrior helm, said the returnees play a key role in the team's success. "Our sophomores will be called on to carry the team until the freshmen can get adjusted to the junior college game. We will be very undersized and will have to rely on full court pressure to be competitive. We will also be dependent on our quickness and shooting ability to have success," Smith said.

Corey Hornsby, a 6-3 guard from Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., is the top returnee, averaging 21 points per contest. He also made the All-State squad last season and was selected the Warriors' top offensive player. Donzell Crenshaw, a 6-3 guard from Ridgeway High School in Memphis, is also a returning starter. Other sophomores are Kevin Bobbitt, a 6-foot guard from Lake; Reggie Carter, a 6-4 forward from University Christian; Will Florence, a 6-foot guard from North Delta; and Demario Qualls, a 6-foot guard from Newton.

Freshmen are Tellas Burnside, a 5-10 guard from Philadelphia; Reggie Carter, a 6-4 forward from University Christian; Stephen Dyess, a 6-3 guard and Jamaal Martin, a 5-11 guard, both from Northeast Lauderdale; Dewayne Hughes, a 5-9 guard from Sebastopol; Desmond Jones, a 6-2 forward from Neshoba Central; Brandon Mason, a 6-5 forward from North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, La.; Chris Morgan, a 6-7 center from Stone County; Al Willis, a 5-9 guard from Newton County; and Colt Aldison, a 6-4 forward from North Delta.

Derrick Fears, who played professional basketball in Portugal and had stellar careers at Mississippi College, Northeast Mississippi Community College and Trezevant High School in Memphis, begins his first season as Smith's assistant.

Brad Hodge, who is in his second season as Lady Warrior head coach, has three returnees from last year's team, which advanced to the state and regional tournaments en route to a 14-11 record.

Tamekia Foley, a 5-10 guard/forward from Newton County, is the leading returning scorer with about six points per contest. Other returnees are Patsy McKee, a 5-10 guard from Forest, and Melinda Ben, a 5-10 guard/forward from Choctaw Central.

Hodge said he is approaching the upcoming season with "cautious optimism," as the team's success will depend greatly on his freshmen, which he describes as being a "very talented group" with "a lot of athleticism."

First-year players are Adrian Washington, a 5-11 forward from Carrollton, Ala.; Miranda Roser, a 5-11 forward from Neshoba Central; Marquita Anderson, a 5-5 guard and Britney Burks, a 5-9 guard, both from Scott Central; Kimyatta Viverette, a 6-foot guard/forward from Lake; Ebone'e Leverette, a 6-foot forward from Forest; Lenore Gray, a 6-1 forward from Newton; Monique Overstreet, a 5-11 guard/forward from South Leake; Rita Birden, a 5-10 guard from St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La.; Hope Murray, a 5-10 guard/forward from West Jones; and Andrea Chesney, a 6-foot forward from Newton County Academy.

Hodge said he does not anticipate the Lady Warriors to have a fast start.

"I do not expect us to get out of the gates early. We will probably experience some bumps along the way and will no doubt have some highs and lows in the early going. The most important thing is to get this team ready for division play, " Hodge said.

Betsy Harris, a former standout at the University of Alabama and Decatur High School, begins her first year as Hodge's assistant.

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WEEK OF Dec 2

East Central Takes Two From Itawamba

A sweep of Holmes Community College successfully concluded tournament action for East Central Community College's Warriors and Lady Warriors who hosted their annual invitational November 25-26 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The Warriors, led by Corey Hornsby's 20 points, held off the Bulldogs by a 76-73 margin and improved to 5-4 overall. The EC women, behind Tamekia Foley 's 19 points, posted a 68-60 win over the Lady Bulldogs and are 6-3. In addition to Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., other EC scorers were Donzell Crewnshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., 15; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, 12; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, nine; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, six; and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, one.

Holmes led 34-32 at the break.

Also scoring for the Lady Warriors besides Foley, who hails from Newton County High School, were Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 17; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, 14; Britney Burks of Scott Central, eight; Ebone'e Leverette of Forest, four; Monique Overstreet of South Leake, three; Elyse Willis of Neshoba Central, two; and Lenore Gray of Newton, one.

EC led 38-26 at halftime.

Teams from Jones County and Itawamba also participated in the two-day event.

EC's men defeated Itawamba 82-68 and the Lady Warriors cruised to a 61-50 decision over the Itawamba women in first-round action.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors conclude 2002 competition by hosting Pearl River Community College on Thursday, December 5. Game times are 6 p.m. for the women's contest with men's action scheduled at 8 p.m.

A sweep of Itawamba Community College Monday night marked a successful beginning for East Central Community College basketball teams who are hosting a two-day tournament at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Billy Smith's Warriors rolled to an 82-68 win over the Itawamba men, avenging an earlier 71-61 setback to the Indians, who are coached by former ECCC head mentor Marty Cooper.

Corey Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., led EC with 26 points as the Warriors evened their record at 4-4. Also scoring were Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, 13; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, 10; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central and Demario Qualls of Newton, nine each; Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., six; Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, five; and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake and Reggie Carter of University Christian, two each.

O'Brian Lowe of Nettleton had 17 points for Itawamba, which fell to 5-2.

East Central led 39-30 at halftime.

In women's action, Coach Brad Hodge and his Lady Warriors improved to 5-3 after posting a 61-50 decision over Itawamba. The EC women also dropped an earlier decision to Itawamba by a 53-49 tally. Scorers for EC were Lenore Gray of Newton, 20; Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 10; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, eight; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, six; Monique Overstreet of South Leake, five; Elyse Willis of Neshoba Central, four; and Britney Burks of Scott Central, Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, and Ebone'e Leverette and Patsy McKee, both of Forest, two each.

Shera Edwards of Tupelo led the Lady Indians (5-2) with 11 points.

EC held a commanding 32-19 lead at the break.

In games scheduled today (Tuesday), Jones and Itawamba women meet at 2:00, Jones and Itawamba men play at 4:00, EC and Holmes women tangle at 6:00, and EC and Holmes men battle at 8:00.

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East Central wins own tournament

A sweep of Holmes successfully concluded tournament action for East Central's Warriors and Lady Warriors who hosted their annual invitational Nov. 25-26.

The Warriors, led by Corey Hornsby's 20 points, held off the Bulldogs by a 76-73 margin and improved to 5-4 overall. The EC women, behind Tamekia Foley's 19 points, posted a 68-60 win over the Lady Bulldogs and are 6-3.

In addition to Hornsby, other EC scorers were Donzell Crewnshaw, 15, and Desmond Jones, 12

Holmes led 34-32 at the break.

Also scoring for the Lady Warriors besides Foley were Rita Birden, 17; Kimyatta Viverette, 14; Britney Burks of Scott Central, eight; and Monique Overstreet of South Leake, three.

EC led 38-26 at halftime.

EC's men defeated Itawamba 82-68 and the Lady Warriors cruised to a 61-50 decision over the Itawamba women in first-round action.

Hornsby led with 26, while Jamaal Martin had 13, Brandon Mason posted 10 and Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol finished with five.

Scorers for the EC women were Lenore Gray, 20; Birden, 10; Overstreet, five; and Burks, two.

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East Central sweeps Holmes in tourney

From combined reports

East Central Community College's basketball teams swept a pair of non-division opponents in last week's ECCC Tournament on the school's main campus in Decatur.

After taking care of Itawamba last Monday, ECCC's teams knocked off Holmes Tuesday to complete the sweep.

The Warriors got 20 points from Corey Hornsby in a 76-73 win over the Bulldogs, while the EC women took a 68-60 victory.

The win lifted East Central's men to 5-4 overall.

"We're starting to play pretty good together," second-year East Central men's coach Bill Smith said. "Holmes is supposed to be the No. 1 team in the North and we were able to hold them in the first half."

Holmes fell to 6-3.

The Bulldogs fell behind EC 17-5 right out of the gate, although Holmes had rallied for a 32-30 lead at halftime.

Freshman Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central sparked a second-half run that put East Central up by double digits, and the Warriors held on down the stretch.

In addition to Hornsby, EC got 15 points from Donzell Crenshaw and 12 from Jones, while Brandon Mason scored nine and Jamaal Martin six.

In the women's game, the Lady Warriors got 19 points from sophomore forward Tamekia Foley and knocked off Holmes for the second time this season.

A late 15-0 run for the Lady Warriors in the first half sent East Central into the locker room with a 38-26 lead.

"We were struggling trying to get the ball down the floor," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "We changed our defense just before halftime and really got after them."

In addition to Foley, East Central got 17 points from Rita Birden and 14 from Kimyatta Viverette, as well as eight from Britney Burks.

Teams from Jones County and Itawamba also participated in the two-day tourney.

Both of East Central's teams will wrap up the first half of their schedule Thursday at home, when EC hosts Pearl River in a South Division contest.

The women's game is scheduled to tip off at 6 p.m., followed by the men at 8 p.m.

After Thursday, ECCC won't play again until the second semester.

ECCC soccer player named All-American

An East Central Community College soccer player has been named as an honorable mention selection on the All-American squad.

Seltue Karweaye, a sophomore forward, was chosen as an honorable mention selection on the National Junior College Athletic Association's Men's Division 1 Soccer All-American team.

Karweaye was one of two Mississippi players to be honored, as Northwest forward Tommy Robison was a second-team selection.

Karweaye was also the lone East Central representative on the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College's All-State Team. He was one of 11 players selected to the South squad on the team.

The North also had 11 players represented.

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East Central rodeo team ranked among region's best

East Central Community College's rodeo teams are ranked among the best in the Ozark Region at the midway mark of the 2002-03 season according to results provided by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

The Warriors are currently in fourth place in the region, while the EC women's team is ranked eighth. The Ozark Region includes 14 colleges and universities throughout the Southeastern United States.

Several members of the ECCC team are also ranked in their respective categories.

Daniel Moore is ranked first in the team roping heeler event and is in ninth place in the saddle bronc riding.

Billy Mack Kinard has the top spot in the team roping header competition.

In bull riding, Chance Smart is in third place, while Drew Walters is ranked eighth.

On the girls' side, Lacey Sanborn is ranked fourth in breakaway roping, while Jamie Andrews of Florence is in 10th place. Kasidi Griffin ranked 15th in barrel racing.

Coach Larry Dial's rodeo squad resumes its 2002-03 competition on Feb. 20-22, when ECCC competes at Mississippi State University.

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EC sweeps ICC and Holmes

East Central Community College swept Itawamba and Holmes in basketball action prior to the Thanksgiving break. The Lady Warriors improved to 6-3, while the Warriors upped their record to 5-4.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors conclude 2002 competition by hosting Pearl River on Thursday. Game times are 6 p.m. for the women's contest with men's action scheduled at 8 p.m.

• **EC women 61, Itawamba 50:** The Lady Warriors improved to 5-3 with the Nov. 25 win. Lenore Gray of Newton led EC with 20 points. Rita Birden scored 10 points, Kimyatta Viverette had eight, Tamekia Foley six, and Monique Overstreet five.

Shera Edwards led ICC, 5-2, with 11 points.

EC held a commanding 32-19 lead at the break.

• **EC men 82, Itawamba 68:** Billy Smith's Warriors rolled to a 14-point win, avenging an earlier 71-61 setback to the Indians, who are coached by former EC head mentor Marty Cooper.

Corey Hornsby of Baton Rouge, La., led EC with 26 points as the Warriors evened their record at 4-4. Also scoring were Jamaal Martin with 13, Brandon Mason with 10, Desmond Jones and Demario Qualls with nine each, Donzel Crenshaw with six, and Dewayne Hughes with five.

Kevin O'Brian Lowe had 17 points for Itawamba, which fell to 5-2.

EC led 39-30 at halftime.

• **EC women 68, Holmes 60:** The EC women, behind Tamekia Foley's 19 points, posted an eight-point win and are 6-3.

Also scoring for the Lady Warriors were Rita Birden with 17 points, Kimyatta Viverette with 14, and Britney Burks with eight.

Holmes got 14 from Megan Colona, 12 from Mary Timms, and 11 from Latrice Rone.

EC led 38-26 at halftime.

• **EC men 76, Holmes 63:** Led by Corey Hornsby's 20 points, the Warriors held off the Bulldogs for the Nov. 26 win to improve to 5-4.

Other EC scorers were Donzell Crewnshaw with 15 points, Mario Qualls with 13, Desmond Jones with 12, Brandon Mason with nine, and Jamaal Martin with six.

Holmes led 32-30 at the break. Jermaine Willis led the Bulldogs, 6-3, with 16 points.

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ECCC Warriors Basketball recap

ECCC Warriors, Lady Warriors Drop Decisions At Shelton State

After dropping an earlier five-point loss to Shelton State Community College, East Central Community College's Warriors were looking to avenge the 89-84 setback on November 7 but their efforts fell short as the Buccaneers rallied for a 92-85 win in overtime Monday night in Tuscaloosa.

EC, which held a slim 38-36 lead at the break, fell to 2-4 overall.

Sophomore Corey Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., led the Warriors with 22 points. Other scorers were Demario Qualls of Newton, 17; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, 14; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, nine; and Donzell Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., eight each; Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale, six; Al Willis of Newton County, three; and Reggie Carter of University Christian, Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol and Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, two each.

The nondivision matchup was tied 75-75 at the end of regulation.

In women's action, the Lady Warriors were hoping for a season sweep over their Tuscaloosa opponent but such was not the case as EC was outscored 60-51 and saw its record dip to 3-3 on the young season.

Top scorers for EC were Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 19; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, 13; Britney Burks of Scott Central, nine; and Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, six.

The Lady Buccaneers led 26-24 at halftime.

East Central defeated Shelton State 82-80 in overtime on November 7 in Decatur.

ECCC Lady Warriors, Warriors Thump East Mississippi Squads

East Central Community College basketball teams claimed their second sweep of rival East Mississippi Community College this season, as the Warriors and Lady Warriors cruised to victories Thursday, November 21 in Scooba. The EC men, led by Corey Hornsbys 24 points, rolled to a 70-58 win as they improved to 3-4 on the young season while the Lions dropped to 1-6.

In addition to Hornsby, a sophomore product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., other EC scorers were Brandon Mason of North Dale High School, also in Baton Rouge, 12; Demario Qualls of Newton and Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, eight each; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, six; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake and Al Willis of Newton County, three each; and Donzell Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., and Will Florence and Colt Aldison, both of North Delta Academy, two each.

East Central led 37-28 at halftime.

ECCC's women posted a 67-61 victory and improved to 4-3, while the Lady Lions fell to 3-4.

Lady Warrior scorers were Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., 15; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake and Tamekia Foley of Newton County, 13 each; Patsy McKee of Forest, nine; Lenore Gray of Newton, seven; Monique Overstreet of South Leake and Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, four each; and Britney Burks of Scott Central, 2.

East Mississippi held a 30-29 advantage at the break.

East Central is hosting its annual pre-Thanksgiving tournament on Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26, featuring teams from Jones County, Itawamba, Holmes and ECCC. Both EC squads close out 2002 competition hosting Pearl River Community College on Thursday, December 5.

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Faculty/ Admin.

ECCC LAMPLIGHTER HONOREES - These instructors at East Central Community College in Decatur recently participated in the 2001 Lamplighter Conference, an annual program that recognizes outstanding faculty members representing the state's community and junior colleges. Honorees and their respective areas of instruction include from left - Mary Boulton of Hickory, gerontology technology; Dr. Lisa McMillin of Louisville, computer science; Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington of Clinton, biology-chemistry; Dr. Linda Lane of Jackson, Spanish - French; and Brenda Kirby of Forest, Associate Degree Nursing. Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale served as conference host. (Photo courtesy of Coahoma Community College)

HONORED FOR SERVICE - Linda Pierce (right) of New-
on recently resigned as secretary to the Director of Admis-
Records and Research at East Central Community
in Decatur. Pierce, who served in the position since
known receiving a gift of appreciation from Donna
Admissions director. A reception was held in her

ECCC Board of Trustees Officers - Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia was recently re-elected to serve a fourth two-year term as Chairman of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Copeland was first elected to the post in 1996. At right is Jack Winstead of Lawrence, who was re-elected to serve a second two-year term as Vice Chairman. Not pictured is Jerry Nance of Louisville, who begins his fourth 2-year term as secretary. Elections were

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University of West Alabama. Cotton, a product of Holt (Alabama) High School, was named honorable mention All-State. He was credited with 42 tackles, 21 assists, two interceptions, one fumble recovery and one quarterback sack.

Coach Underwood, who led the Warriors to a 6-4 record and a berth in the state playoffs, said the signees "meant a lot to our program and I wish for them the very best as they continue their education and athletic careers." Underwood said he anticipates the signing of additional former team members during the 2001 spring term.

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Several ECCC Warriors Receive Scholarships With Four-Year Colleges

DECATUR--Several members of the 2001 East Central Community College football team received scholarships at mid-year and have transferred to their respective four-year colleges and universities, announced Warrior head coach Terry Underwood.

Signees include the following: Jerry Spencer, a 6' 4," 300-pound offensive lineman who now attends the University of Louisville. Spencer, a product of North Moore High School in Eagle Springs, North Carolina, was named a third team J. C. Grid-Wire All-American, first team All-Region 23, All-State and was selected the South Division's most valuable offensive lineman. He was chosen an All-Star and helped lead the South to a 16-14 win over the North All-Stars in the annual matchup held at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. In addition, Spencer was selected the Warriors' most valuable offensive lineman. Spencer also played a key role in East Central completing the 2001 campaign as the state's second-best rushing offense, averaging 211.4 yards per contest.

Chris Hooper, a 6'4," 215-pound free safety who signed with Central Missouri State University. Hooper, a product of North Springs High School in Atlanta, Georgia, was chosen honorable mention All-State. He was credited with 42 tackles, 14 assists and two interceptions during the 2001 season. John Bibb, a 6', 220-pound linebacker now with Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma. Bibb, a product of Tuscaloosa (Alabama) Central High School, was selected an honorable mention J.C.

Marco Cole, a 6'1," 180-pound defensive back who signed with Harding (Arkansas) University. Cole, a product of Neshoba Central High School, was selected honorable mention All-State. Cole completed the 2001 campaign with 26 tackles, 12 assists, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

Darrius "Buck" Thames, a 5'11," 175-pound defensive back who also signed at Harding University. Thames, a product of Philadelphia High School, was chosen honorable mention All-State. He was credited with 27 tackles, eight assists, five interceptions and one fumble recovery during the 2001 season.

Fredrick Knighten, a 6' 2," 240-pound tight end who is now attending the University of Tennessee at Martin. Knighten, a product of Meridian High School, was an honorable mention All-State selection. A two-year starter, Knighten was also instrumental in the Warriors' success on offense.

Jon Gusman, a 6'4," 255-pound defensive lineman who has transferred to Illinois State University. Gusman, a product of

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Foundation board

The Board of Directors of the East Central Community College Foundation, standing, from left: Stanley Dearman, Van Lucas, Dr. John Gipson, Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Prentice Copeland, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Joe Killens. Seated: Patsy Dunagin, George Taylor, David Howell, Stacey Hollingsworth, Jessie M. Everett.

ECCC Foundation Board elects officers

The Board of Directors of the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc. recently held its semi-annual meeting on the Decatur campus, and among other items of business, elected new officers.

Members of the board include: Patsy Dunagin, Louisville, Class of 1960, retired legal assistant; George Taylor of Forest, Class of 1967, vice chairman of Community Bank, who was elected vice chairman of the ECCC Foundation Board; David Howell of Carthage, Class of 1969, a CPA at Watkins, Ward and Stafford CPAs, who was re-elected chairman of the ECCC Foundation Board; Stacey Hollingsworth of Decatur, Class of 1993, administrative assistant in the Foundation and Alumni Relations Office of ECCC; Jessie M. Everett of Decatur, class of 1949, retired ECCC business instructor; Stanley Dearman of Philadelphia, former owner of *The Neshoba Democrat;* Van Lucas of Newton, Class of 1963, senior vice president of Newton County Bank; Dr. John Gipson, Class of 1968, owner of Newton County Animal Clinic; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, Class of 1949, chairman, ECCC Board of Trustees; Dr. Eddie M. Smith of Decatur, Class of 1963, ECCC President Emeritus; Joe Killens of Decatur, Class of 1983, ECCC Vice President for Student Services.

Also serving on the Foundation Board are Jimmy Rea of Ridgeland, Class of 1958, president of Rea Brothers Mid-South Auction Inc.; Gilbert Thompson of Philadelphia, executive assistant to Chief Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and Mickey Vance of Decatur, Class of 1979, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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ECCC FOUNDATION OFFICERS - David Howell (center) has been reappointed to serve as chairman of the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc. Joining Howell, a 1969 ECCC graduate, on the slate of officers for the four-year term are George Taylor (Class of 1967) of Forest, vice chairman, and Mickey Vance (not pictured) of Decatur, secretary/treasurer. Vance is a member of the ECCC Class of 1979. At right is Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president. (EC Photo)

Thames, Chartie Wilson, and Idear Thames.

Sylvester U. Methodist Church of Newton has Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; Worship each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. James Hare is pastor.

Morning Star M. B. Church has worship services the first, third and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. All are invited to worship with them. Pastor is Rev. Shawn Croft.

For your church news, sick or shut-ins, or social events, please call 683-3516 or write Leora Watkins Chapman at P. O. Box 473, Newton, MS 39345.

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Army National Guard Band to perform Feb. 2 at ECCC

In conjunction with the 24th annual East Central Community College Band Clinic scheduled Feb. 1-2 on the Decatur campus, director Thomas W. Carson is pleased to announce a special performance by the 41st Army Band.

This talented group of musicians with the Mississippi Army National Guard in Jackson will present a concert at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 in Huff Auditorium. ECCC sophomore band member Chris Carson of Decatur is a member of the distinguished group.

The two clinic bands, which include students representing 12 high schools in the ECCC district, will present their concerts following the Army Bandís performance.

"Admission is free, and the public is invited to come hear some great music," Carson said.

For more information contact Thomas Carson, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 228.

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Clark gone but not forgotten as a new era begins at ECCC

From special reports

JUCO BASEBALL

For the first time since the 1988 campaign, the East Central Community College baseball team will take the field with a new leader at the helm.

Former assistant Jake Yarborough now leads the Diamond Warriors, who were guided by Jamie Clark for 14 seasons until a brain tumor cut short his life last summer. Clark, who died at age 49, amassed a 365-302-1 record at East Central. His 1998 Diamond Warriors captured the team's first state title.

Although Coach Clark is no longer a part of ECCC baseball, his presence will be felt through Yarborough's leadership.

"We obviously miss Coach Clark very much. Although he is not here, we plan to continue what he established for the East Central baseball program, meaning that we basically do things the old-fashioned way. We still consider ourselves 'blue-collar' workers; nothing is given to us and we have to work hard for what we get. I often remind players how important it is to out-work our opponents. So we try to instill the same work ethic as Coach Clark, and will continue to follow his style of coaching, which obviously proved to be successful," Yarborough said.

Coach Clark also expected team members to do well in academics. Yarborough said he intents to continue Clark's expectations for the team on the field and also in the classroom.

"Our guys are expected to go to class and to present themselves well as student-athletes and not just baseball players. Coach Clark stressed the importance of making good grades and made it a point to recognized players who achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average. Speaking of grades, I'm especially pleased that the team has an overall 2.9 GPA, which is outstanding. I know Coach Clark would also be pleased," Yarborough said.

Adam McCurdy of Morton is also listed as a top returnee.

"Adam is mainly a defensive player but we also expect him to produce at the plate. He'll see some time at first base," Yarborough said.

Regarding the pitching staff, Yarborough said he anticipates another successful year from Jason Wooten of Lake, the team's top returning hurler.

Wooten had a 2.44 ERA and posted a 4-3 record with one save. His opponents' batting average was .205.

"Jason is mainly a finesse pitcher. He's gained a little velocity this year, and he can change speeds to get the batter out," Yarborough noted.

Another returning ace is Corey Amis, a product of Newton County High School.

Amis was 2-6 in 2001 with a 4.4 ERA. He registered 69 strikeouts in 63 and 2/3 innings. His opponents' batting average was just .201.

"Corey is basically a power pitcher; he's got velocity and a real good breaking ball. He has also developed an effective change-up. In addition, he is a lot bigger and stronger this year, and we expect great things from him this spring," Yarborough said.

Chris Comans of Newton will also be a vital part of the pitching rotation. Comans posted a 4.34 ERA, and his opponents' batting average was .265. He was 2-2 overall and had one save.

"Chris worked hard this fall and we are counting on him to have a successful season on the mound," Yarborough said.

Corey Blackwell of Nanih Waiya will also be a key ingredient in the pitching mix.

"Corey's ERA last year was 4.62 and he limited opposing hitters to a .197 batting average. His record was 0-1 but his three saves led the team. Corey has good control and keeps the ball down," Yarborough said.

Yarborough also anticipates a productive defensive performance and mentioned several players who were effective in fall practice. At the top of the list is freshman Jake Nester, a freshman shortstop/second baseman from Lake.

Serving as Yarborough's assistant is Patrick Robey, a former coach and player at Delta State University.

The Diamond Warriors begin the 2002 campaign on Tuesday, February 12, against the West Alabama junior varsity. The single contest get underway at 2 p.m. on the Livingston campus.

The complete 2002 roster includes the following: shortstop/outfielder Dee Hornesburger and catcher Will Baskin, both of Noxapater; outfielder Tommy Fieber, Neshoba Central; pitcher Jason Wooten, second baseman Jacob Massey and shortstop/second baseman Jake Nester, all of Lake; second baseman/outfielder Daniel Russell, Newton County Academy; outfielder Lewis Bradford, Scott Central; third baseman/second baseman Josh Chaney;

Pitchers Corey Amis and Michael Holifield, all of Newton County; pitcher/second baseman Corey Blackwell, Nanih Waiya; pitcher/outfielder Brian Spillers, Mangham (La.) High School; catcher Mike Kulbeth, Westminister (La.) Academy; pitcher Alex Shepard, Sebastopol; outfielder/pitcher Jarrod Vaughn and first baseman/outfielder Tyler Rogers, both of Louisville; outfielder Paul Brown, Forest; infielder Jamie Ellington, Kosciusko; third baseman/pitcher Justin Darby, Union; outfielder/pitcher William Mars and first baseman/catcher Ty Culpepper, both of Philadelphia; pitcher/outfielder/ first baseman Chad Lopez, Chatom, Ala.; pitcher Chris Comans, Newton; pitcher Nick Singletary, Robert E. Lee (Ala.) High School; first baseman/pitcher Adam McCurdy, Morton; catcher Joey

Holcomb, Locust Fork (Ala.) High School; and pitcher/first baseman Aaron Gisler, Springdale, Ark.

In recognition of Clark's service to East Central, the College plans to dedicate "Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium" during a ceremony beginning at 1 p.m. Monday, February 18, prior to the Diamond Warriors' first home game of the 2002 campaign. Clark's jersey will also be retired during the special program. His widow, Audrey Clark, is expected to throw out the first pitch to officially start East Central's double-header with East Mississippi Community College.

The Diamond Warriors, who finished 19-27 in 2001, look to improve this season, according to their new head coach.

Among top returnees this season include outfielder Lewis Bradford, a product of Scott Central High School; infielder Josh Chaney of Newton County High School; and shortstop/outfielder Dee Hornesburger of Noxapater.

Bradford batted .289, hit eight home runs, six doubles and collected 27 RBIs. His coach expects another solid performance.

"Lewis continues to hit the ball well and I look for him to have another big year," Yarborough said.

Chaney posted a .289 batting average with four triples, four doubles and 13 RBIs. He also walked 13 times.

"Josh is an outstanding defensive player. He can play shortstop, second base or the outfield. He's the type guy you want to play in the middle of the defense. Last year his fielding percentage at third base and behind the plate was .936, which is very high. We're anticipating another solid defensive performance from Josh, who will start at either third base or second base," Yarborough said.

Hornesburger hit .233 with nine doubles. He collected 12 RBIs and drew 11 walks.

"Dee had a .951 fielding percentage last year at second base. He will also be positioned in the middle of the defense this year. He can also play outfield," Yarborough said.

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Karl Brantley (l), plant manager at U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia, presents a $10,000 check to the East Central Community College Foundation to help fund the U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship. Shown accepting the contribution is Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. Also pictured is Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations. The amount in the scholarship fund now totals $15,000. U.S. Electrical plans to endow the scholarship at the $20,000 level with earnings from the endowment to provide scholarships for outstanding children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of active and retired U.S. Electrical employees.

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RHODES ADDRESSES ECCC AUDIENCE - Inspirational speaker Terry Rhodes of Van Vleet, makes a point as he discussed "The ABC's of Success" during a recent presentation at East Central Community College in Decatur. Rhodes, a former standout athlete at Houston (Miss.) High School and the University of Southern Mississippi who later became a successful coach, stressed the importance of "Attitude, Belief and Commitment" to the Huff Auditorium audience. Rhodes, an acclaimed motivational speaker and lay speaker, has delivered his message in over 300 cities, 28 states and two countries. He is employed as a sales account executive with the Stuart C. Irby Company in Tupelo. (EC Photo)

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Talent showcase planned at ECCC

Newton Regional Hospital will sponsor a Talent Showcase as a fund raising event for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 2002. This event will take place Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m. in the Huff Auditorium at ECCC, Decatur. Entries can be made until 30 minutes before the show.

Any form of talent may enter (singing, dancing, etc.). Age divisions will be 10 and under, 11-19 years and 20-Adults. Entry fee is $25 with awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division. First place winners in each division will compete for overall winner and prize of $100.

Entry forms may be picked up at Newton Hospital or by contacting Michael Miller at 683- 0325 or 635-2509 for further information.

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ECCC will name stadium after Coach Jamie Clark

East Central Community College will officially name its baseball stadium in memory of longtime head coach Jamie Clark during a ceremony scheduled Monday, February 18 on the Decatur campus.

A sign designating "Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium" will be unveiled at the 1 p.m. ceremony, prior to the Diamond Warriors' home opener with rival East Mississippi Community College. Clark's jersey #41 will also be retired. A replica of his jersey will be positioned on the right field fence--next to the state championship sign, and his jersey will be on display in the lobby of the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Clark's widow, Audrey Clark, and their daughter, Nicki, of Austin, Texas, are among program participants for the dedication ceremony. Audrey is also scheduled to throw out the game's first pitch.

Also participating in the program are Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president; the Rev. Chris Vowell of Philadelphia, a former Diamond Warrior; Tommy Clopton, ECCC faculty member/assistant football coach; Larry Blackburn, former ECCC staff member; and Jake Yarborough, Diamond Warrior head coach. The Ac'cents, the college's show choir, will perform the national anthem.

Jamie Clark

Clark, who was diagnosed with an inoperable

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brain tumor prior to the start of the 2001 baseball season, died at age 49 on July 18, 2001, at his home in Decatur.

He led the Diamond Warriors for 14 seasons, compiling an overall mark of 365-302-1. His 1998 squad captured the school's first state baseball championship.

In addition to naming the baseball stadium, various other projects are planned as memorials to Coach Clark. Contributions may be sent to the Jamie Clark Memorial Fund, The Warrior Club, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

The Warrior baseball field is named in memory of former team member Chris Gay IV of Meridian. Gay and classmate Mandy Chamblee of Philadelphia were killed in an automobile accident during the 1987 fall semester.

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East Central Comm. College Sports Calendar

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Softball	Feb. 21	Holmes	Away	3:00
Baseball	Feb. 22	Jones	Meridian	noon
Baseball	Feb. 23	East Mississippi	Meridian	noon
Baseball	Feb. 24	Meridian	Away	3:00
Softball	Feb. 26	Meridian	Away	3:00
Basketball	Feb. 25-28	State Tournament	TBA	TBA
Basketball	March 4-7	Region 23 Tournament	Clinton	TBA

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Burke Receives Harris Award - Former East Central Community College head librarian and Phi Theta Kappa co-advisor Ann Burkes (center) of Decatur was presented the Shelby Harris Alumni Award during the spring semester induction ceremony for members of College's Theta Xi Chapteer of the International Honor Society. Burkes retired last year following 322 years of service at East Central. Also shown are Martha Sibley, ECCC staff member who presented the award to Mrs. Burkes, and Dr. Harris, for whom the award was named.

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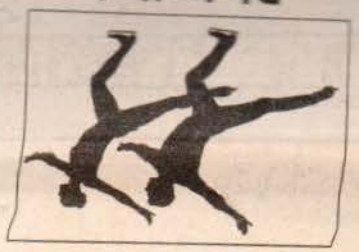

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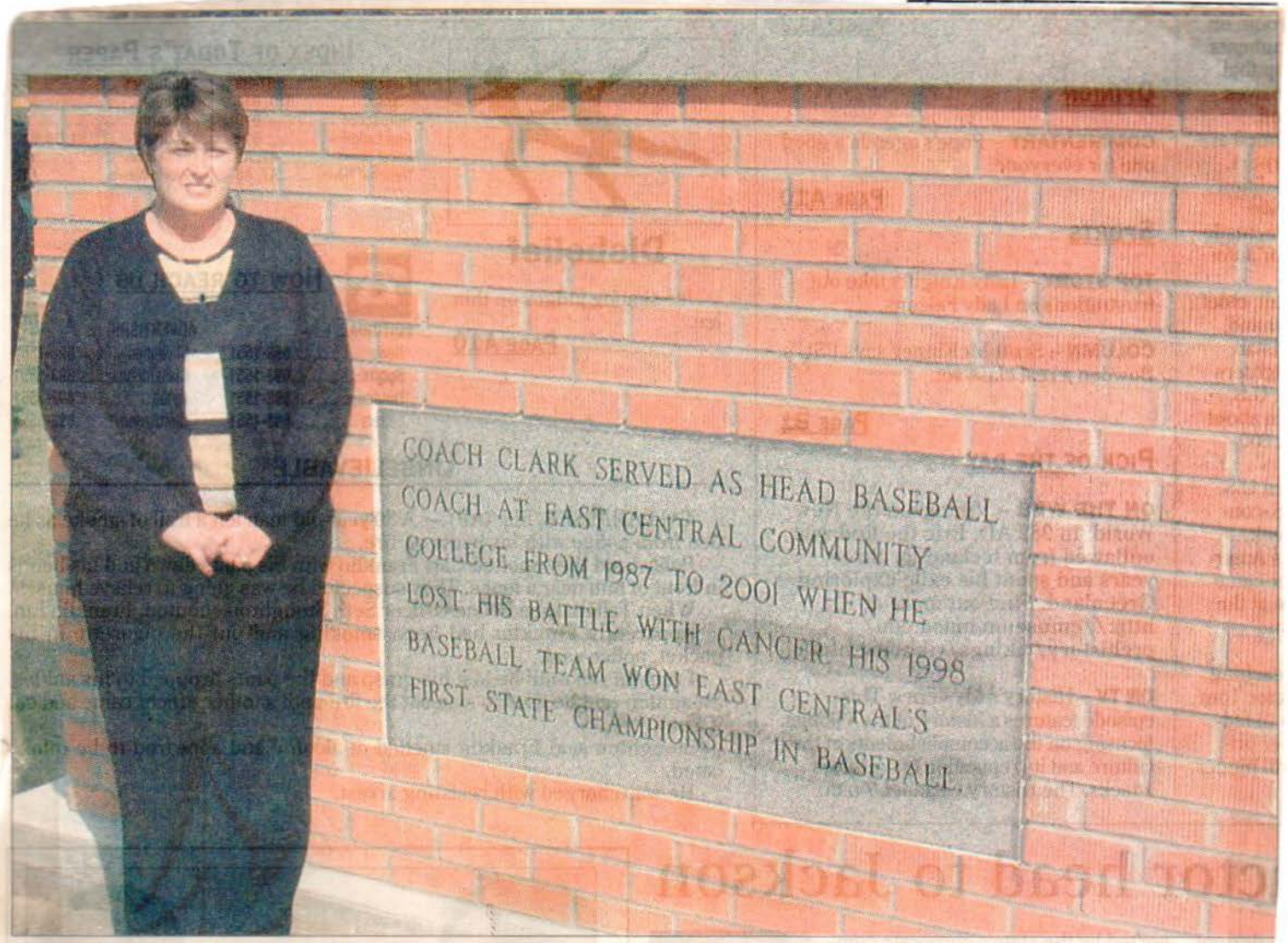

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A LASTING TRIBUTE

Audrey Clark, widow of longtime ECCC baseball coach Jamie Clark, who died of cancer seven months ago, stands at a monument dedicated Monday in the coach's memory at the newly-named Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium.

Clark's memory lives in ECCC's 'Warriorville'

By Marty Stamper
staff writer

DECATUR — Monday afternoon was the rare kind of perfect mid-February day when a person could really enjoy being at an afternoon baseball game ... the kind of day that would always bring a huge grin to the late East Central Community College head baseball coach Jamie Clark's face.

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ECCC COUNSELORS WORKSHOP - Among those attending the annual Counselors Workshop held at East Central Community College in Decatur were, seated from left - Brenda Chaney, Newton County High School; Polly Gordon, Union High School; and Gloria Buffington, Newton County Academy; and back row, from left - Linda Giles, Newton County Career and Technology Center; Jeff Hitt, East Central Alternative School; and Retha Wolverton, Union High School. Also pictured is ECCC academic counselor Michael Alexander. During the workshop, participants are provided updated information on programs of study, financial aid and scholarship opportunities. (EC Photo)

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C's new training lab to assist area businesses

Whitlock, director of the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College, addresses a large gathering in attendance during Open House activities at the College's Productivity Enhancement Training lab, located at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech, a division of ECCC.

In a continuing effort to serve the needs of businesses and industries in the five-county area, East Central Community College in Decatur recently unveiled its new Productivity Enhancement Training lab during Open House activities held at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational Technical Center, a division of ECCC.

College officials hope that the response to the new facility, a project of the ECCC Workforce Development Center, is an indicator for success.

"Almost 100 people, including representatives from 28 employers, attended the Open House. Several companies have already contacted us about providing customized classes to meet maintenance oriented training needs and to address other human resource development areas," said Roger Whitlock, Center director. The Productivity Enhancement lab is equipped with over $500,000 of computer-driven, advanced technologies reflective of those found in automated production environments, and is designed to provide customized training to meet technical, professional and personal needs of businesses and industries in Leake, Scott, Newton, Neshoba and Winston counties.ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the new training center is just another example of the College's ongoing efforts to assist employers and employees in the workforce community.

"East Central is committed to economic development in east Mississippi and this lab is one of the activities of the College to provide the training that is required to develop and maintain a top quality workforce in our five-county area," Dr. Sutphin said.

Whitlock said East Central was able to realize the vision for being a "college for the employment community" through Workforce Education and Training funds made available through the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Thanks to state funding, the Center is equipped with the latest technology.

"It has first-class capabilities for enhancing the productivity levels of the workforce in this area and can only remain able to meet current and potential employer needs with the continuation of this funding source by an immediate and lasting legislative commitment," Whitlock said.

He noted the training center has a two-fold mission: It is designed to address the requests for training from the existing employer base in the district and is dedicated to meeting their needs. The Center also can be a recruiting tool used by economic development representatives to showcase the College's ability to upgrade or transition the currently available workforce to face new challenges.

Specific technical training services of the Center include state-of-the-art training aides and accompanying instructional materials to address installing, maintaining and troubleshooting of the following technologies: electrical, electronics, hydraulics, pneumatics, robotics, programmable logic controls (PLC), mechanical/electronic drives, computer-numerical controls (CNC), motor controls and welding. Whitlock said trainers delivering the aforementioned classes are proven and experienced in automated manufacturing environments.

Whitlock said personnel at the College's Workforce Development Center are available to provide assistance to companies in arranging classes to be offered at the new facility.

"Our staff can specifically customize training at the Philadelphia location or arrange for delivery of small business workshops, human resources sessions, computer applications classes or provide access to online course libraries at training labs in Carthage, Decatur, Forest and Louisville. We want our local businesses and industries to contact us so we can make workforce development services work for them," Whitlock said.

For more information contact the ECCC Workforce Development Center, P.0. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 299. The email address is rwhitlock(a-)eccc.cc.ms.us.

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Dedication

East Central Community College last week officially named its baseball stadium in memory of former head baseball coach Jamie Clark. Top photo: Clark's widow, Audrey Clark, and their daughter, Nicki, stand next to the monument designating the facility as the Jamie Clark Memomrial Stadium. Bottom photo: Jake Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach who served as an assistant to Coach Clark, addresses the crowd as Clark's jersey, 41, is officially retired. Jersey 41 will never be worn by an ECCC coach or player. The jersey--the same one he wore when the Diamond Warriors won the state title in 1998--will be on permanent display in the lobby of the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium named at EC

by Marty Stamper

Had longtime Warriors coach Jamie Clark been around the baseball field Monday afternoon at East Central Community College, his reaction would have been, "What were they thinking?"

They were thinking about how much Clark — EC's all-time winningest coach for all sports — had meant to them, the EC baseball program, and to EC in general.

On a postcard perfect mid-February afternoon, EC named its baseball facility Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium in honor of its 14-year coach who passed away last July after a bout with cancer.

"It's something we've been planning for a while," EC president Dr. Phil Sutphin said of the day's ceremonies that included the unveiling of a monument honoring Clark, a replica of his No. 41 jersey placed on the right field fence by the sign that honors his 1998 MACJC state championship team, and the presentation of his jersey from the '98 season which will be on display in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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Sign Her Up

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Counselors workshop attenders

Among those attending the annual Counselors Workshop held at East Central Community College in Decatur were (seated, l to r) Deborah Hayes, Carthage High School; Kim Jackson, South Leake High School; and Jill Killen, Leake Academy; and (back row) Wanda Schmidt, Thomastown High School; Joe Killens, ECCC Vice President for Student Services; and Ginger Brown, Edinburg High School. During the workshop, participants are provided updated information on programs of study, financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

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East Central plans Senior Da

Area high school seniors are invited to attend East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities Wednesday, March 27, and Thursday, March 28, on the Decatur campus. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in front of Huff Auditorium.

A new feature to this year's event is an Information Showcase, which will be held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services said, "We have added a new information Showcase to our Senior Days. We will have over 30 booths set up in Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium with every organization on campus having a sponsor or member available for questions. Each Academic and Vo-Tech Department will also have a booth, with information about every possible major at ECCC available.

This is a day that we set aside for district seniors and we want them to have every opportunity to learn as much as they can about college in general and East Central in particular. We feel like this will be a very informative and enjoyable day for all."

Entertainment will be provided by the Ac´cents show choir, the jazz band and the Collegians. The day's activities will conclude with a complimentary lunch at noon.

Schools scheduled to attend on Wednesday, March 27, include Choctaw Central High School, Forest High School, Grace Christian School, Lake Attendance Center, Louisville High School, Morton Attendance Center, Morton Christian Academy, Newton County High School, Noxapater Attendance Center, Scott Central Attendance Center and Sebastopol Attendance Center.

Those high schools scheduled to attend on Thursday, March 28, are Carthage Christian Academy, Carthage High School, Edinburg Attendance Center Leake Academy, Nanih Waiya Attendance Center, Neshoba Central High School, Newton High School, Newton County Academy, Philadelphia High School, South Leake High School, Thomastown Attendance Center, Union High School and Winston Academy.

For more information contact the Office of Student Services at ECCC, P.O. 129, Decatur, MS 39327 635-2111, ext. 375, or tol 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877 3222), ext. 375. The e address jkillens@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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to assist local areas in the recruitment of business prospects when at all possible.'

ECCC can help develop skilled workforce

Sutphin said he and others are trying to get the word out that ECCC and other Mississippi community and junior colleges can help to develop a highly skilled workforce. But, he added, "When a student graduates from a skilled program there needs to be a job for that person to take. We're caught in that now and we're trying to do our part."

ECCC offers education and training needs to Leake, Newton, Neshoba, Scott and Winston counties. The college's 2001-2002 for-credit enrollment is 2,345 students who take academic, technical or vocational coursework, and there are 1,894 non-credit students served through adult education classes that lead to the GED. Another 11,694 people participate in workforce training activities

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through the ECCC's Workforce Development Center. Academic for-credit course offerings range from liberal arts to engineering.

"We're providing a niche here that can be helpful in developing the workforce," Sutphin said.

Roger Whitlock, director of workforce development for ECCC, believes the college is the entity that is most able to respond quickly to maintain and enhance the current workforce of East Central Mississippi. He added that the college was equally important in addressing any transition-type training from existing to new skill sets that might need to be provided.

"I believe we can respond more quickly to those requests than a high school," Whitlock said. He added, "We're dedicated to the provision of quality training for existing employers and as a lure to potential employers in this district."

Jim Finley, president and CEO of CraftCo, the state representative for the ECCC Workforce Council and a board member of the Workforce Investment Act for the state, said ECCC and the learning center at CraftCo are important to the success of the area and to the success of the state.

"Morton has lost a number of industries over the past year including Peavey and International Paper and others, but we're still holding firm there and helping to assist in the training needs of Morton and CraftCo through East Central Community College," Finley said.

CraftCo produces electronic components for the automotive industry, and its current customer base includes direct sales to Ford, General Motors, DaimlerChrysler, Jaguar and Saab.

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But, Finley added, it is important that a high school diploma become a given in today's society and that more technically oriented classes continue to be offered at ECCC.

"That's where the real need is as it relates to attracting new businesses and maintaining existing businesses in the state," Finley said. "We need to get more involved in the skill levels that are above the basic high school education. We need to be competitive not just in cost but in terms of our skill level as well."

Rodis Shealy, manufacturing engineering group leader with Taylor Machine Works Inc. is also the chair of workforce development for ECCC. He said ECCC has been and remains important to East Central Mississippi.

"Strictly from our business dealings with them at Taylor, they're doing anything we need them to do," Shealy said. "They're responding any way we ask them to as far as workforce training is concerned."

Taylor Machine Works is a family-owned company that manufactures large material handling equipment and sells its product worldwide.

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ECCC playing important role in communities it serves

Businesses, industry profiting from college's programs.

By ELIZABETH KIRKLAND
MBJ Staff Writer

Special to the Mississippi Business Journal

East Central Community College's Productivity Enhancement Training Lab at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center opened recently.

DECATUR — It's easy to see that the roles East Central Community College (ECCC) plays are important to business, industry and economic development in Newton County and surrounding counties in East Central Mississippi.

In Morton there is a learning center manned by the college at CraftCo Enterprises Inc. where various courses are offered, and in Louisville, Taylor Machine Works Inc. also benefits from ECCC.

The college recently unveiled its new Productivity Enhancement Training lab at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of ECCC. Also, area employers in search of potential employees are being told to mark their calendars for Mar. 26 when ECCC holds its second-annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo on the Decatur campus.

"We're serving the needs of the local community," said Dr. Phil Sutphin, president of ECCC. "We're also trying

we do everything from raw material to the finished product and everything in between," Shealy said. "It takes a very skilled workforce." Because of that, ECCC is an asset to Taylor Machine Works.

"They've never turned us down on anything we've asked them to do," Shealy said.

Perhaps what Shealy considers most important about ECCC though is its support of existing industry in the area.

" They (ECCC) recognize that's the backbone of the whole community," Shealy said. "They support us and are constantly trying to get us to stay up on anything we need. They've been real helpful on helping us to upgrade. Look at the importance of existing industry. You've got to take care of them (existing industry) first and foremost."

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East Central unveils training lab to aid area businesses, industries

In a continuing effort to serve the needs of businesses and industries in the five-county area, East Central Community College in Decatur recently unveiled its new Productivity Enhancement Training lab during Open House activities held at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center division of ECCC.

College officials hope that the response to the new facility, a project of the ECCC Workforce Development Center, is an indicator for success.

"Almost 100 people, including representatives from 28 employers, attend the Open House. Several companies have already contacted us about providing customized classes to meet maintenance oriented training needs and to address other human resource development areas," said Roger Whitlock, Center director.

The Productivity Enhancement lab is equipped with over $500,000 of computer-driven, advanced technologies reflective of those found in automated production environments, and is designed to provide customized training to meet technical, professional and personal needs of businesses and industries in Leake, Scott, Newton, Neshoba and Winston counties.

has a two-fold mission: It is designed to address the requests for training from the existing employer base in the district and is dedicated to meeting their needs. The Center also can be a recruiting tool used by economic development representatives to showcase the College's ability to upgrade or transition the currently available workforce to face new challenges.

Specific technical training services of the Center include state-of-the-art training aides and accompanying instructional materials to address installing, maintaining and troubleshooting of the following technologies: electrical, electronics, hydraulics, pneumatics, robotics, programmable logic controls (PLC), mechanical/electronic drives, computer-numerical controls (CNC), motor controls and welding. Whitlock said trainers delivering the aforementioned classes are proven and experienced in automated manufacturing environments.

Whitlock said personnel at the College's Workforce Development Center are available to provide assistance to companies in arranging classes to be offered at the new facility.

"Our staff can specifically customize training at the Philadelphia location or arrange for delivery of small business workshops, human resources sessions computer applications classes or provide access to online course libraries at training labs in Carthage, Decatur, Forest and Louisville. We want our local businesses and industries to contact us so we can make workforce development services work for them," Whitlock said.

In addition to Whitlock, other members of the Workforce Development staff are Joe Renaud, personal development specialist; Tina Harris, basic skills specialist; Jim Hansford and Ron Forest, workshop development coordinators; Ronald B. Westbrook, director, Small Business Development Center; Sylvia Bush, work-based learning coordinator; Jewel Walker, employment placement counselor; Emilie Smith, secretary, Workforce Development Center; and Virgie Thames, secretary, Small Business Development Center.

For more information contact the ECCC Workforce Development Center, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 299. The email address is rwhitlock@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the new training center is just another example of the College's ongoing efforts to assist employers and employees in the workforce community.

"East Central is committed to economic development in east Mississippi and this lab is one of the activities of the College to provide the training that is required to develop and maintain a top quality workforce in our five-county area," Dr. Sutphin said.

Whitlock said East Central was able to realize the vision for being a "college for the employment community" through Workforce Education and Training funds made available through the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Thanks to state funding, the Center is equipped with the latest technology.

"It has first-class capabilities for enhancing the productivity levels of the workforce in this area and can only remain able to meet current and potential employer needs with the continuation of this funding source by an immediate and lasting legislative commitment," Whitlock said.

He noted the training center

WEEK OF 25 MAY 20

PARTICIPATE IN ECCC PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTION: Participants in the spring induction ceremony for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, at East Central Community College in Decatur included (from left) Dr. Shelby Harris, chapter co-advisor; Vicki Adcock Sinclair, ECCC alumna from Decatur who serves as Scholarship Program Coordinator at the Society's International headquarters located in Jackson; Christy Ferguson, chapter co-advisor; and Glen Hansford, ECCC alumnus from Decatur who serves as Chapter Development Coordinator at Phi Theta Kappa International. Hansford was also presented an honorary membership from Theta Xi. (EC Photo)

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Wood Receives Red Rose Award

Longtime East Central Community College faculty member Lucille Wood (right) of Louisville is the 2001-2002 recipient of the Red Rose Award presented by Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International. Carol Vickers of Decatur, retired ECCC instructor and Chairman of Xi Chapter's Professional Affairs Committee, is shown presenting the award. Wood will soon complete her 48th year of service in education and her 40th year as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization of key women educators. During her tenure as women's basketball coach, Wood led teams to four state championships and placed numerous players on all-state an all-region squads. In 1988, the new gymnasium on the East Central campus was designated as the "Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building," in honor of Wood and General Denver Brackeen. In accepting the Red Rose Award, Wood, who serves as sponsor of East Central's Student Education Association, commented that while she was proud of her work as a basketball coach, it is her work with future educators in which she takes greater pride.

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PRESENTS CHECK FOR ECCC TRAIL - A $5,000 check designated for the Dick Livingston Recreational/Study Trail at East Central Community College in Decatur was recently presented by La-Z-Boy South, Inc. in Newton. William Jones, company employee, is shown presenting the check to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. At left is Dan Breeding, La-Z-Boy plant manager. (EC Photo)

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Byars joins ECCC board

Philadelphia buisness David Byars, center, was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Byars is owner of Byars Funiture Company. He is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and Mississippi State University. He also attended classes at ECCC. The new trustee is shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, left, and Board of Trustees Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia.

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CONTRIBUTES TO ECCC PROJECT - La-Z-Boy South, Inc., Newton, has contributed $7,000 to East Central Community College in Decatur to help fund various improvements at the College's baseball stadium, recently named in memory of longtime coach Jamie Clark who lost his battle to cancer last summer. Sara Jones, company staff member, is shown presenting the check to Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president. At left is Chris Harris, La-Z-Boy human resource manager. EC photo.

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Thursday, March 28, 2002

ECCC SENIOR DAY
9:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Registration
9:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Welcome
10:00 - 11:15 a.m. - Information Showcase
11:15 a.m. - Noon - Collegians Concert
Noon - 12:45 p.m. - Picnic Lunch

Friday, March 29, 2002

BASEBALL THIS WEEK
ECCC VS. HINDS
At Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium
1:00 p.m. – Doubleheader

TENNIS THIS WEEK
ECCC VS. SOUTHWEST
At Decatur
1:00 p.m.

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WEEK OF 1 April 6

Leake officials visit EC

Leake County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were luncheon guests of the College's Board of Trustees at its March meeting. The special visitors are shown with trustees from Leake County following the meeting. Seated from left are Davis Gill, District 5 Supervisor; H.V. Neal, Jr., District 4 Supervisor; Oliver Smith, District 3 Supervisor; Joe Andy Helton, District 2 Supervisor; William Carlton Brock, District 1 Supervisor; and Dot Merchant, Chancery Clerk. Standing from left are trustee W.B. Jones of Walnut Grove; Sheila Johnson, Tax Assessor-Collector; trustee Melanie Hartley, County Superintendent of Education; trustees Silas O'Neal, Jerry K. Moore and Janie Wilbanks, all of Carthage; and Freddie Terrell, County Administrator.

East Central tickets on sale for 'Footloose'

Tickets are now on sale for the East Central Community College Players' presentation of "Footloose," which begins Thursday, April 11, and runs through Saturday, April 13.

Performances will be held in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus and begin each evening at 7 o'clock.

For more information or to reserve tickets, phone 635-2111, ext. 215, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

ECCC Players present

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All tickets must be picked up by 6:30 p.m. the night of the performance. No tickets will be sold at the door until 6:30 p.m.

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M Club to induct former ECCC football coach into Hall of Fame

Six former University of Southern Mississippi athletes and a former Golden Eagle coach will be inducted into the M Club Alumni Association Hall of Fame on April 12 at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg.

The class of 2002 includes former football and baseball standout Willie Coats, football standouts Marvin Harvey and L.T. Herman, women's basketball star Diana Lyons Jones, track standout Chuck Rolie, baseball star Steve Knight and former USM football coach and Eagle Club Executive Director Bobby Collins.

Coats is a graduate of Stonewall High School where he was a standout football, basketball and baseball player for four years.

He was team captain and played quarterback and defensive back on the 1952 and 1953 teams that went undefeated, as well as the 1954 team that lost only one game.

These teams compiled a 27-game winning streak. After graduation, he played in the Mississippi High School All Star Football Game.

Coats attended USM on a football scholarship, playing football for four years and baseball for three years. He played quarterback and defensive back on the 1958 team that went undefeated and became Small College National Champions.

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Tennie Coats

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After graduating from USM, Coats played minor league professional baseball in the Chicago Cubs minor league organization.

After playing professional baseball, Coats entered the coaching profession where he was a successful high school and junior college football coach for 39 years.

He ended his coaching career at East Central Community College where his teams won 19 of their last 23 games. The 1996 team went 10-1, won the Huddlehouse Golden Isle Bowl Game and were ranked fourth in the nation.

Coats and Diana Lyons Jones are also members of the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

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EC Expo attracts over 800

Approximately 840 East Central Community College students visited with representatives of various companies and four-year colleges at the second annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo held March 26 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. The event attracted 62 exhibitors from throughout the state who met with East Central students to discuss career and educational opportunities. The Expo is sponsored by the College's Vocational-Technical Division and the Workforce Development Center.

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EC plans Fine Arts Fest

East Central Community College will present a Fine Arts Festival at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus, announced Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division.

"This is going to be a big event. Over 45 art students and the entire concert chorale will be involved," said Guraedy.

The festival includes a performance by the College chorale at 7 p.m. and the opening of the Juried Spring Art Show at 8 p.m.

The chorale will perform selections by Rutter, Byrd, Luboff, Casals and many others. various pieces of thrown and hand-built ceramics and all types of art mediums including drawings paintings and designs will be on display through the month of April.

Members of the chorale include Jennifer Bane, Heather Brantley, Mandy Calecas, Leticia Horn, Chalunda Hudson, Kathy Jones, Krystal Moore and Trinity Morris, all of Philadelphia; Jessica Brooks and Natalie Tanksley, both of Forest; Glenda Brown, Claire Edgar and Rebecca Germany, all of Union; Chris Carson, Tony Harris, Dinah Howell, Ricardo Robinson, Matthew Smith, Jeremy Stevens, Brad Sutphin and Stacey York, all of Decatur; Kelly Cauthen and Heather Cheesman, both of Raymond; Lisa Chamblee, Deidre Greer and Lana Rogers, all of Carthage; Jacob Childs and Josh Hall, both of Morton; A.J. Clanton, Lawrence; Sarah Cole, Jennifer Cuchens, Alyssa Ford, Daryl Jones, Johnny Jones, Megan Logan, Tori Tijerina and Carl Wilson, all of Newton; Caleb Cook, David Thorne and Damein Wash, all of Hickory; Natalie Duncan, Walnut Grove; Shondrick Hampton, Adam McAdory and Kyle McDill, all of Louisville; Anna Himebrook, Rebecca kelly and Jennifer Savell, all of Lake, Renea Irby and Andy Murphy, both of Meridian; Braden Land, Corinth; Kiel May, Vicksburg; Kristen Thornton, Edinburg; and Shanna Travis, Crystal Springs.

Art students whose work will be featured will include William Cherry and Victoria Daniels, both of Philadelphia; Ardria Harris, Walnut Grove; Xavier Keyes, Raleigh; Jeff Stuart, Lake; Amanda Thompson, Louisville; Chris Greer and Tommy Johnson, both of Carthage; Aaron McElfish, Union; and Katrina Wise and Laura Shook, both of Newton.

Ceramic students whose talents will be showcased include Dianne Douglas, MEgan Tramill, Vaneesa Edwards, Amanda Strait, Betty Thames and Zac Thames, all of Newton; Francis Blackwell, Cary Brown, Connie Witcher, Michelle Shaw, Tessa Walton and Mary Hall, all of Philadelphia; Lisa Brantley, Erica Hall, Beverly Woods, Kathy Townsend, Edgar Bradford, Narja Bryce and Josh Tillman, all of Forest; Chris Jordan, Josh Burton and Thomas Walton, all of Decatur; Billy McClurg, French Camp; Shellie Keyes and Jessie Moore, both of Union; Penny Alford, Toni Gill and Clayton Cooper, all of Carthage; Lindsay Rigdon, Honey Taylor, Lesley Taylor and Katy Thompson, all of Louisville; Brenda Clay, Hickory; Cassandra Kemp, Bay Springs; and Kirk Misso, Starkville.

Guraedy and Todd Eldridge serve as art instructors. Ross Price serves as director of the chorale.

For more information contact the ECCC Art Department, Phone 635-2111, ext. 229 or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 229.

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Miss. educator's work travels with WWII exhibit

The Associated Press

DECATUR — An instructional kit created by a faculty member at East Central Community College is traveling with a Smithsonian Institute exhibit.

Melinda Smith of Union developed the kit for her English students when the Smithsonian's traveling World War II exhibit was displayed on her campus last fall.

The exhibit, "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45," is made up of a number of posters used in support of the war effort in the U.S. during World War II.

Area veterans also provided memorabilia for the display.

Smith's kit will be sent to local communities and school systems along the exhibit's route.

The exhibit is scheduled to visit about 40 sites in Tennessee, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas and North Dakota through next year.

It will be at the Clinton Library from May 24 to June 29.

"I was really surprised, but obviously pleased, that the Smithsonian was interested in the instructional kit we had put together," Smith said. "I wrote the kit for the college and was glad to be of assistance for the exhibit."

Smith said she wrote two versions of the kit, one for classrooms and one for civic and church groups, that included more than 40 activities that could be done before and after viewing the exhibit. One of the activities is for students to refer to chapter four of the book, *My Dog Skip*, by the late Mississippi author, Willie Morris, for discussion about the war years.

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Entergy Mississippi to expand education award program

East Central becomes the eighth community college in the program

Just one year after the program started, Entergy Mississippi says that its "Excellence in Education" is ready for a promotion. So, East Central Mississippi Community College has been added to the seven community colleges where Entergy offers a scholarship through the program.

"Education and a trained workforce are keys to economic development," said McKinley Johnson, Customer Service Manager for Entergy in Rankin and Scott Counties. "When educational opportunities are increased, chances for a better future are increased as well. I am particularly pleased to expand our scholarship program to East Central because of its' proximity to Morton, and the number of local students who attend there."

The program promotes learning from kindergarten through college. At the K-12 level, Entergy partners with the Mississippi Department of Education and its annual Teacher of the Year Awards. Entergy awards $2,000 to the Teacher of the Year and $1,000 for programs at the school where the teacher works. Entergy also presents $1,000 to each of the finalists for the Teacher of the Year and $500 for programs at the schools where the runners-up work.

At the community college level, Entergy funds a scholarship at eight community colleges that are in or near Entergy's 45-county service territory (Northwest, Coahoma, Delta, East Central, Holmes, Hinds, Copiah-Lincoln, Southeast). The scholarships are for vocational or technical students.

At the university level, Entergy funds scholarships at each of the Mississippi eight universities. Scholarships are awarded to students who are majoring in elementary or secondary education, with an emphasis in math or science, and who are juniors or seniors in college during the scholarship year.

The scholarships and awards cost the company about $44,000 each year. None of the funds used for the scholarship program will come directly from Entergy Mississippi's customers. Johnson hopes that other companies will follow Entergy's lead by establishing similar programs. "When you consider the potential benefits, scholarships like these are an excellent investment. If more companies will commit to doing this, we can improve our workforce and, by extension, the potential for new jobs and new economic development in the 21st century."

Students interested in the scholarship program should contact the university or community college that they plan to attend for more information.

Entergy Mississippi provides electricity to almost 400,000 customers in 45 counties. It is a subsidiary of Entergy Corporation, which owns, manages, or invests in power plants generating more than 30,000 megawatts of electricity domestically and internationally, and also delivers electricity to abut 2.5 million customers in portions of Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Entergy is also a leading provider of wholesale energy marketing and trading services.

ECCC Ac'cents to hold auditions May 2-3

The Ac'cents, East Central Community College's show choir, will hold open auditions for the fall semester from 1 to 5 p.m. May 2-3 in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

Those auditioning must submit two letters of recommendation and must perform a prepared solo. A CD and cassette player or a piano accompanist will be available.

Those interested should contact Ac'cents director Vicki Blaylock to set up an audition time. She can be reached at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, text. 225, or 1-877-462-3222, ext. 255.

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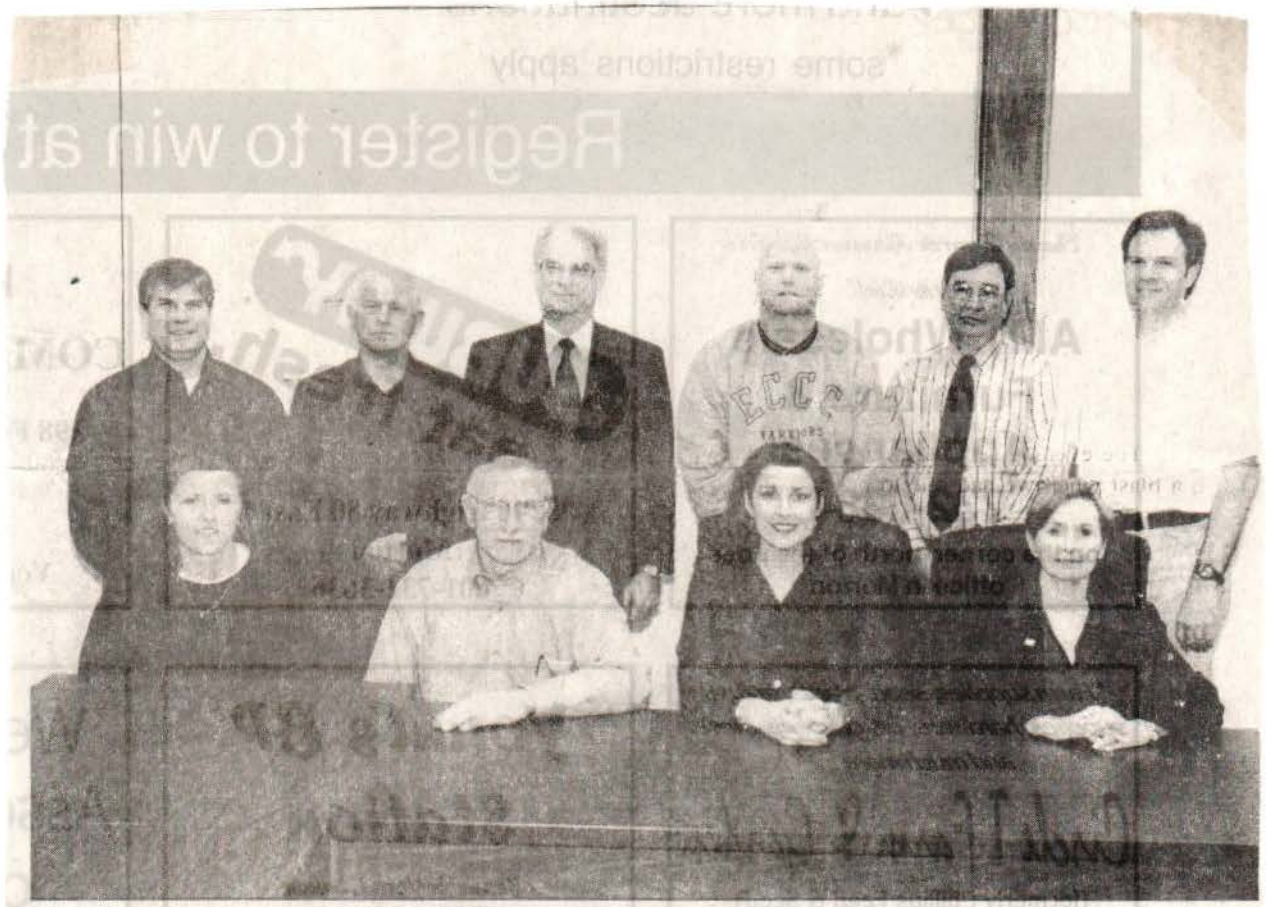

Plan ECCC Warrior Golf Classic

Making plans for the first annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic are committee members (seated from left) Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations; Wayne Ledford of Decatur; Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, Alumni Assocation president; and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; and (standing from left) Steve Quinn of Louisville, Association vice president; Coach Willie "Tenny" Coats of Decatur; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Joe Killens, vice president for student services; Haywood Reeves of Forest; and Chris Collins of Union, Association representative from Newton County. The one-day tournament will be held Saturday, June 22, at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club (Azalea Course) in Choctaw. Entry fee is $125 per person. A four-man scramble is the tournament format. Proceeds will fund ECCC scholarships. For more information contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.cc.ms.us. (EC Photo)

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Shaw (left) of Philadelphia recently donated this kiln to
ceramics lab at East Central Community College in Decatur.
included were kiln shelves, molds and other component
sophomore medical technology major, Shaw is scheduled to g
uate from the College in May. At right is Bruce Gur
Chairman of the Fine Arts Department and art instructor.
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ECCC Wildlife Habitat improving campus beauty, students' education

April 02

The campus Wildlife Habitat at East Central Community College, which started out as grass and boulders in front of Cross Hall Science Building, continues to expand in size and goods, according to Dr. Bettye Joe Hennington, project director and instructor of biology and chemistry.

"We are very proud of the work that the science department, including our students, has done to improve the campus overall," Dr. Hennington said.

With many new projects being added to the habitat on almost a daily basis, Dr. Hennington explained what many of the new sights include.

"Joe Johnson, biology instructor, has established a victory garden (vegetable garden) on the south campus and is working on the mathematical calculations for an analemmatic sundial to be installed by his students on the front campus," she said.

"Patti Davis, biology and microbiology instructor, has added an herb garden for butterfly larvae, bird feeders throughout campus and additional blue bird boxes on the Davis Blue Bird Trail. Her students are working in conjunction with the Cornell University Ornithology Laboratory to keep records of fledges in the boxes on campus," added Dr. Hennington.

Dr. Henington praised Science Department Chairman Ron Davis for his "behind the scenes" work. She said he stays busy drilling, cutting wood, digging holes and providing support for the other instructors and their students.

Dr. Hennington has written and received a grant in conjunction with the Good Luck 4-H club to build an Arbor Vinery on the front campus around the blue backflow valve.

"The East Central physical plant personnel, biology and chemistry students and local 4-H members and their parents and sponsors are all contributing to the construction, which should be completed this summer," Dr. Hennington said.

Dr. Hennington, with the help of physical plant director Mike Dearing, has also written a proposal to host an Americorps team on the Decatur campus. "If this proposal is granted," said Dr. Hennington, "an Americorps team will build two trails through the north campus pine forest, renovate an ECCC dorm, work with the Americorps/Vista reading and math tutoring

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program and work with a chemistry class during Kids College this summer."

Not only is the Wildlife Habitat making a difference in the appearance of the campus, it is also being used as a teaching tool in many classes.

"All biology classes are using the garden as part of service learning," said Dr. Hennington. "The addition of the habitat in front of Cross Hall and work around the college pond has greatly added to the students' study of ecology and forestry."

An ongoing project, Dr. Hennington said new plans for the Wildlife Habitat include adding bat boxes to the north campus around the pond, planting experimental growth plots for pine trees, adding a hardwood stand around the pond, completing work on wildflower areas, adding numerous new species of pine trees, landscaping outside the ceramics lab on south campus and adding other ways for science students to use the ECCC campus as a learning lab.

Although students and instructors are doing most of the work on the habitat, donations are welcome and needed.

"We need a pump for the front campus pond and money for buying native shrubs," said Dr. Hennington. "The department is also looking for a tiller that could become a permanent part of our cache of tools. We also have plans to build a storage shed on the west end of Cross Hall and donations of lumber and construction help are much needed."

Dinah Howell of Little Rock and Casey McMillan of Lawrence weed the butterfly garden area of the Wildlife Habitat.

She added they are looking for people who would like to plant trees on campus in memory of someone. Those interested should contact Ron Davis at 635-2111, ext. 222.

Dr. Hennington said, "We are sincerely grateful to all input, ideas, time and sweat that have been added to our Arboretum/Teaching Lab project. We have found the ECCC administration is totally supportive of the work being done on campus by the science department. We thank the staff and instructors who have donated plants and time to improving the habitat. We also thank the people of the community and our students who have been more than happy to help with the project."

For more information on the Wildlife Habitat, contact Hennington at 635-2111, ext. 362.

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ECCC vice president honored for education leadership

By Steve Gillespie
staff writer

A vice president at East Mississippi Community College in Decatur and two other women were recognized Friday for outstanding leadership in education.

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president of instruction at ECCC, received the Jayne A. Burrows Sargent Award at an education leadership symposium on the Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus.

Melanie H. Hartley, superintendent of Leake County Schools, and Rebecca H. Taylor, coordinator for elementary, technology and testing at Columbus city schools, also received the award.

The award and symposium are named for Dr. Jayne A. Burrows Sargent, a former superintendent of Meridian public schools who now oversees Jackson's public schools.

MSU's Department of Education Leadership chose the award winners from among nominations submitted by educators and administrators statewide. The award goes to women educators.

The department, which sponsors the annual symposium and award competition, offers leadership development programs in public school systems and community colleges.

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Department chairman Ned Lovell said the Sargent Award is designed to encourage women in education to strive for excellence and become role models for prospective and practicing school administrators.

Sparkman, who also gave the keynote speech, said she became an educator because she wanted to make a difference.

She charged her fellow educators to develop a vision, share it with others and take those people along with them as they set out to accomplish their goals.

After working as a nurse, Sparkman decided to enter education in 1976. Sparkman said she fell in love with the profession after she began teaching fourth grade.

Twelve years later she became a school counselor. Following that, she worked as a school-to-work manager and college instructor before becoming a college administrator.

Every time she had an opportunity to advance, she said, men gave her that opportunity because there were not many women in educational leadership roles.

"There weren't a lot of women out there at that time, in the 1980s, to give me those opportunities," Sparkman said. "I think it's so important for all of us in education and especially women, to give other women opportunities.

"That's why I'm here. That's why I want to make a difference — to create a vision for other women and give them that push they need in their education."

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WEEK OF 29 April 02

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DECATUR — Philadelphia businessman David Byars was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees.

Byars is the owner of Byars Furniture Co. He is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and Mississippi State University.

He also attended classes at ECCC.

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DECATUR — Members of East Central Community College's Wall O' Sound Marching Band participated in the Col-

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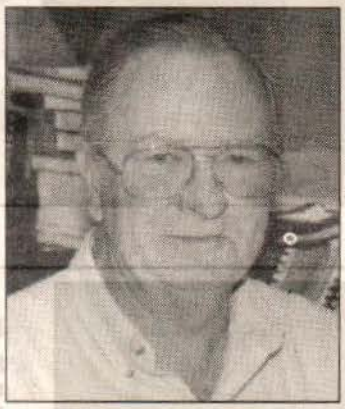

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LOCAL NEWS

Smithsonian honors ECCC faculty member

By Steve Gillespie / staff writer
April 11, 2002

DECATUR — The Smithsonian Institute has taken ideas from East Central Community College to go along with one of its traveling exhibits.

An instructional kit developed by ECCC English instructor, Melinda Smith of Union, will be sent to about 40 exhibition sites in Tennessee, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas and North Dakota, as part of a traveling World War II exhibit. Dates are scheduled through next year.

ECCC was the first site in Mississippi to host the exhibit, "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45."

The exhibit is made up of a number of posters used in support of the war effort in the United States during World War II. Area veterans also provided memorabilia for the display.

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"I was really surprised, but obviously pleased, that the Smithsonian was interested in the instructional kit we had put together," Smith said. "I wrote the kit for the college and was glad to be of assistance for the exhibit."

Smith was notified of the Smithsonian's intentions recently through an e-mail she received from Carol Harsh, project director of the Smithsonian Institute.

In the e-mail Harsh said: "Your instruction kit is of particular interest because, as in Decatur, there are small towns across the country that are developing programs and educational events to coincide with the Smithsonian exhibition in their communities. Your work will be of great assistance for teachers in these towns as they prepare to teach about the World War II home front. Thanks again for your hard work on behalf of Produce for Victory."

Smith said she wrote two versions of the kit, one for classrooms and one for civic and church groups, that included more than 40 activities that could be done before and after viewing the exhibit.

One of the activities was for students to refer to chapter four of the book, "My Dog Skip," by the late Mississippi author, Willie Morris. The chapter could be used for discussion about the war years.

"I enjoy writing instructional kits because when I was a high school teacher I enjoyed getting things like this," said Smith, who has been with ECCC since 1995.

Smith graduated from ECCC in 1973 and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. She taught high school English in Mississippi and Virginia and taught at Florida Community College in Jacksonville and at the University of North Florida.

The National Museum of American History, The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Mississippi Humanities Council organized the exhibit Sept. 28-Nov. 1 at ECCC.

Tommy Thrash, social science instructor and chairman of the ECCC Division of Social Science, Education and Business, served as event coordinator.

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WEEK OF May 6, 2002

RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE - These East Central Community College staff members were recognized for 20 years service at the annual "Teacher Appreciation Tea" held on the Decatur campus. From left are Thomas W. Carson, director of bands, and his wife Brenda, director of financial aid, both of Decatur; Carolyn Haralson of Forest, dorm supervisor for Erma Lee Barber Hall; and Gloria Rigdon of Decatur, College nurse. (EC Photo)

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Dear, Kirby Elected Officers of MNA

East Central Community College Associate Degree Nursing instructors Dana Dear (left) and Brenda Kirby were recently elected officers of the Mississippi Nurses Association District 15, which includes Newton, Scott and Leake counties. Dear was selected vice president while Kirby was chosen as president.

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Jamie Clark's East Central Community College Warriors put on a hitting clinic Thursday afternoon, pounding out 15 hits en route to a 12-1 win against the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Bulldogs in the first round of the Region 23 Baseball Tournament at Meridian Community College Field. East Central and Mississippi Gulf Coast are certainly not strangers to one another. Coming into Thursday's showdown, the Bulldogs held a 4-2 advantage in the season series, including defeating the Warriors in the finals of the state tournament last weekend. However, East Central had the last laugh Thursday.

May 9, 2001

DECATUR — The East Central Community College Board of Trustees Tuesday officially approved head football coach Terry Underwood to be the new Athletics Director. Underwood will succeed outgoing women's basketball coach Sammy Pace, who retired last week after successfully leading the program for 16 years. Pace's resignation was accepted by the board on Tuesday, as well. Pace's resignation is effective June 30, 2001. Underwood will continue his football coaching duties. He has led the Warrior gridiron program for three years, arriving as the assistant in 1995 under then-coach Willie Coats.

DECATUR — East Central Community College Associate Degree Nursing instructor Sherri Cantey was recently inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi's Gamma Lambda chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society. A native of Winston County, she is a graduate of Louisville High School and Meridian Community College. She is pursuing a master's degree in nursing from USM.

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WEEK OF May 13, 2002

PRESENTS CHECK TO FIRE DEPARTMENT - The Gibbstown/Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department received a financial boost thanks to the efforts of the VICA (Vocational Industrial Cubs of America) chapter at East Central Community College in Decatur. Club president Heather Strait of Nanih Waiya is shown presenting a check in the amount of $2300 to fire chief Kenneth Robinson, while sponsor Lester Miles (left) and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, look on. Each year the college's VICA club presents a check to a fire department located within the ECCC five-county district. (EC Photo)

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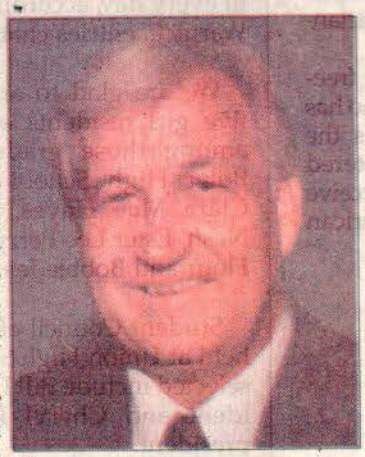
Educator Shelby Harris dead at 64

Retired East Central Community College mathematics instructor Dr. Shelby L. Harris has died of a massive heart attack. He was 64.

Harris was a graduate of Union High School. East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He later attained his doctorate degree after attending classes at Tulane, Florida State and Mississippi State.



Dr. Shelby Harris

"He had been at East Central for about 36 years," said his sister, Helen Gibbs. "He was so involved in bringing Phi Theta Kappa to the college there. He and Ann Burkes throughout the whole time were involved in that.

"He was very committed to it. I was laughing the other day that that was the reason he never got married. He didn't have time for a wife and family. You know, you can't be that committed if you have got other things to tie you down."

Harris was named Alumnus of the Year at East Central in 1999. He served as an advisor for the Scholars Bowl team at the college from 1985 to 1995 and was the college's Outstanding Academic Instructor in 1983.

Harris was active in the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. He was honored by the chamber as Man of the Year in 1988.

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Harris was also a worldwide traveler. "I think he said that there were two countries that he had not been in," said Helen. "He and Carol Vickers always went somewhere every Thanksgiving. In fact, they were looking forward to going to England, Ireland and Wales on the third of June."

Gibbs said her brother began experiencing pain in his chest sometime last week. "He never got completely easy from the pain. They (hospital officials) did a heart catherization and he had three arteries stopped up. They put a stint in and the artery that was functioning, quit. When he went into a code situation, they never did get him back.

"It was the most shocking thing that ever happened to me. I thought that we would live to be old folks here on the farm."

A memorial scholarship has been established at East Central in Harris' honor. Donations can be made to the Shelby L. Harris scholarship fund or to the East Central Foundation.

"Flowers are here today and gone tomorrow. It is really better to put your money in a worthwhile cause," said Gibbs.

Memorial services were held for Harris last Thursday at Stephens Funeral Home in the chapel. Rev. Billy Ray Gibbs and Rev. Len Wedgeworth officiated.

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Richard W. Clark

EC machine shop instructor retires after completing 31 years on staff

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After retirement, Clark said he plans to do some metal and wood-working in his small shop at home. He also said he would like to work part-time somewhere, but not more than a couple days a week.

Clark, who has also been doing testing and evaluation of maintenance personnel for the Nissan plant in Madison County, said he hopes to continue to be affiliated with the car manufacturer.

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Clark attended Arlington High School and graduated from Neshoba Central High School. He attended East Central Junior College from 1959-61 and completed his associate's degree in 1980. He also attended Mississippi State University.

He is a member of MAVE (Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators) and VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) and is a past member of AVA (American Vocational Association). In 1987, he was selected to Who's Who Among American Teachers. He was named the College's Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year in 1999.

Clark and his wife Lynette, who is the bookkeeper and office manager for the Neshoba County Co-Op, have three children. Kent is a poultry farmer in Philadelphia and Glynn is a truck driver in Bessemer, Alabama. Debbie lives in Olive Branch and is attending Mid-America Seminary where she is seeking an additional master's degree in cross cultural studies and preparing to be a foreign missionary. The Clarks have three grandchildren: Jonathan, Amanda and Hanna.

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East Central Community College was selected the first site in Mississippi and the only community college to host the traveling exhibition, which was housed in the College's Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Tech-nology Building September 28 through November 1. The exhibit included a series of posters that were used to display various messages in the United States during the World War II period. Area veterans also provided memorabilia for the display.

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A. Burrows Sargent, who served as superintendent of Meridian Public Schools when she was honored in 1996. An educator for more than 35 years, Sargent currently serves as superintendent of the Jackson Public School District and a member of the State Board of Education.

"The long-range goal of the award is to encourage women in education to continue striving for excellence and to become role models for prospective and practicing school administrators to emulate," Lovell said.

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman earned a bachelor's in elementary education, a master's in counselor education, and a doctorate, all from Mississippi State University. She has built an impressive record, beginning with her early years as an elementary teacher, counselor of abused and neglected children and chemically dependent adults, guide to high school students exploring occupational and living skills, school-to-work transition manager, college instructor, and college administrator.

As an elementary teacher, Sparkman's observation of the need for good counselors from elementary through post-secondary may have been the motivating factor which prompted her to switch from teacher to counselor. The seed, however, may have been planted much earlier when, as a young student herself, something a counselor said stuck with her for life.

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DECATUR — Ann Burkes of Decatur, former East Central Community College head librarian and Phi Theta Kappa co-adviser, was presented the Shelby Harris Alumni Award.

She received the honor during the spring semester induction ceremony for members of the college's Theta Xi Chapter of the International Honor Society.

Burkes retired last year following 32 years of service at ECCC.

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ECCC retirees honored

East Central Community College retirees Richard Clark, left, and Linda Pierce were recently honored by the College's administration, faculty and staff association during the annual end-of-the-year dinner. Clark retired following the 2002 spring semester after serving 33 years as Machine Shop Technology instructor. Pierce served as secretary to the Director of Admissions, Records and Research for 17 years before retiring in December 2001.

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Knight 'Jailed' During ECCC Fundraiser - Newton County sheriff Jackie Knight (right) was "captured and jailed" during East Central Community College's Relay for Life "Jail Break" held recently on the Decatur campus. Knight was apprehended by "College Sheriff" Karen Yates (left). Other "criminals" pictured include ECCC instructors Brenda Kirby (center) and Frances Graham (background). The EC Aussies raised more than $900 during the special event.

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ECCC Vice President for Student Services Joe Killens said, "Orientation provides a great opportunity for students to become familiar with campus facilities and meet various college personnel. It also serves as a time to become acquainted with other new students who will be attending EC."

During orientation, students will also receive their approved class schedules for the fall semester and have photographs made for their identification cards.

Honors orientation is scheduled for Friday, May 31, for students who have a 21 or above ACT score and those selected STAR students, valedictorians and salutatorians. Also invited are students who are members of the National BETA Club and other honor societies.

Additional orientation sessions will be held Saturday, June 15; Thursday, June 27; Wednesday, July 10; and Saturday, August 3.

To complete entrance requirements, students must have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research: (1) A completed application for admission; (2) An ACT (American College Test) score (academic/technical students only; does not apply to vocational students); (3) High school transcript; and (4) College transcripts if a transfer student. (Those who need to take the ACT may contact Michael Alexander, academic counselor.)

The only charge to complete the orientation process is a $60 registration fee which is applied toward tuition costs for the fall semester. Students are highly encourage to pay all fees prior to August 1. Those who have not paid all fees must attend the final registration on August 3rd.

Killens also stressed the fact that it is not necessary for students to know their major before attending orientation.

A complimentary lunch will be provided in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Parents are also invited to attend the orientation sessions and join in the noon For more information contact the Office of Student Services, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 375, or call toll free 1-877-462-3222.

WEEK OF May 27, 2003

Members of today's domino group at East Central Community College are often found in the Sullivan Student Center during the noon hour.

Most competitive game at EC could be--dominoes?

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When people think of East Central Community College and competitiveness, they often think of football or basketball or one of the other intercollegiate sports in which the Warriors participate. But perhaps the most competitive sport at East Central is the game of dominoes.

And it is played not by students, but by instructors.

"Dominoes" have been played in the faculty lounge of Sullivan Student Center at East Central Community College for almost 40 years. The players have changed over the years, but the game remains the same.

Since the 1962-63 college term, East Central instructors have been gathering during their lunch hour to play games. According to Dr. Richard Ethridge, retired social science instructor, the group first played checkers, then the card game Hearts, and then switched to dominoes a short time later.

"If I recall correctly, the competitive playing began in earnest after Joe V. Clark (former Director of Student Life and Dean of Men) came on board as basketball coach," Etheridge said.

The original group began with Ethridge; Clark; former social science instructor L.B. Simmons; former Dean of Instruction, Dr. Brad Tucker; and former Dean of Students, Denver Brackeen.

Others who have been part of the game at some time or another include mathematics instructor, Dr. Shelby Harris; football coach, Ken Pouncey; Athletic Director and women's basketball coach, Sammy Pace; and football coach, Herman Robinson.

Today's group includes art instructor and Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, Bruce Guraedy; social science instructor and Chairman of the Division of Social Science, Business Administration and Education, Tommy Thrash; physics instructor, Al Deaton; and Baptist Student Union Director, Scott Vaughn.

Many others have played throughout the years and sometimes there were so many people playing that two tables were needed.

"When it got bigger than that, Joe Clark invented a card game, a variation of contract bridge, which he called 'Joe Wins,'" said Vaughn. "At times there were as many as 12 people playing in the same game."

Clark is considered to be the best player by most people who have participated. "He was the most competitive of any of the players," said Dr. Ethridge. "Clark was also good at cards and won much of the time at this game. When the dominoes game was introduced, he excelled at this and was the master of the table. Clark was and is so good at the game that he knows who holds what domino after only a few plays.

"Once, when Ken Pouncey was playing, the dominoes were down to only a couple for each player. Joe told Pouncey to go ahead and play a certain domino that he was holding. At this time, Pouncey jumped up and said he wasn't going to play any more if Clark knew what everybody was holding."

"There was only one person that seemed to be able to aggravate Joe Clark with his weird playing," said Scott Vaughn. "Ron Bixby would often pass up scoring plays to throw Joe off and make him think the scoring domino was in another location."

Both agreed that L.B. Simmons was also very competitive. Vaughn said, 'It is rumored that if Prof. Simmons was losing, the game couldn't end."

With Clark being on the winning side of most games, some might wonder if anyone else ever won a game. "Most every player would win at some time or another," said Ethridge. "The luck of the draw would allow that. And even a blind hog comes up with an acorn at times."

Many times, new players were recruited. Bruce Guraedy remembers when Joe Clark took him under his wing to teach him how to play dominoes.

"He instructed me that when I had several dominoes of the same suit, like several twos and several threes, and one of the dominoes was the 2-3, then lead with it when beginning the game so that the 'spinner' that might come out will be a two or three," said Guraedy. "On the next hand I had several ones and several sixes so I led with the 6-1 domino to begin the game. Joe started hollering and calling me an idiot! What I didn't know at the time is the 6-1 is what is known as a repeat domino that is good for scoring right behind your opponent when he scores."

Many funny things have happened to Guraedy since he has been playing dominoes.

"One day I brought a sack lunch to the game," he said. "While I was getting my chair set up to play, [illegible] down on the table. The tables used to be real wobbly. When the table shifted, I thought the bottle was going to turn over. I quickly grabbed the bottle but, because it was plastic, when I squeezed it the cap shot to the roof and sprayed everyone at the table with a Coca-Cola shower."

In the past, the game was taken very seriously by all concerned. But according to Vaughn, today it is just a time of fun. "To win means you have bragging rights for a day," he said.

Dr. Ethridge said he still plays dominoes. "Dr. Brad Tucker and I played Joe Clark and L.B. Simmons 620 games at my workshop office before Mr. Simmons became ill and passed on. Out of that number, Dr. Tucker and I won 321 and Coach Clark and Professor Simmons won 298 and we tied one.

"Professor Simmons was not in the best form during the last few games, however, and when he no longer could come to play, we stopped playing out of respect for him. We plan to play again as soon as Coach Clark gets all his scheduled surgery behind him. Dr. Tucker and I have already played Clark and his new partner, Denver Brackeen, 26 games of which the former Dean and I won 15 and they won 11. Do we keep a record of this type of thing? Yes!"

In the words of Dr. Ethridge, "The long-lasting domino game at ECCC is indicative of the feeling and the reality of 'family' at ECCC."

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WEEK OF June 3, 2002

EC president updates board of supervisors

Leake County supervisors got an update on East Central Community College Monday, when Dr. Phil A. Sutphin gave his annual report to the board.

The ECCC president reported enrollment at a record high of 2,435 on campus and at outlying locations in the five-county district, reflecting an increased attendance for 17 straight years.

Despite the loss of about $2.8 million in state revenues during the past three years, Dr. Sutphin said the two-year college will continue to operate as a financially sound institution and maintain the level of service, with the continued tax support from the five counties.

Although the funding cuts had caused "belt tightening," no programs had been cut; no faculty members had been laid off; and no instructional or athletic programs had been discontinued, Sutphin said.

East Central, he said, had received official notice of its reaffirmation of accreditation for another 10 years.

He added that ECCC graduates who transferred to four-year colleges had among the highest grade point averages when compared to transfer students from all of the state's 15 community and junior colleges.

"We at ECCC are greatly appreciative of the support received from Leake County," Dr. Sutphin said in conclusion, "thank you for helping us maintain the strong, viable institution that the people of our five counties need and deserve."

Other matters

Routine and housekeeping matters occupied most of the board's half-day session, including approving the docket of claims and budget amendments.

Discussions were held on pending actions, but no action was taken.

The board will return to session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 10.

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WEEK OF June 3, 2002

LOCAL NEWS

Guardsmen miss local events overseas

WORKING HARD _ Mississippi Air National Guardsmen lay matting for a runway at a U.S. military base in an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. The guardsmen, members of the 186th Civil Engineering Squadron, are from left Maj. Eric Bratu, Master Sgt. Edward Davenport, Senior Airman Jameka Moore, Master Sgt. Billy Stokes, Senior Airman Donald Moore, Sgt. William McDonald, Master Sgt. Ronald Arthur and Sgt. Henry Ruffin. Submitted photo

By Fredie Carmichael / staff writer
June 3, 2002

The only way Dwayne Reynolds could attend his oldest daughter's graduation from East Central Community College was by listening to it on a cell phone thousands of miles away.

If not for the help of his youngest daughter, the senior master sergeant with the Mississippi Air National Guard would have had to wait until he returned from a stint in Southwest Asia.

"My youngest daughter, Kimberly, held the cell phone while Christy's name was being called out as she walked across and received her diploma," the Chunky resident said recently.

Reynolds and 60 other members of the 186th Civil Engineering Squadron missed other events — from watching newborn children grow up to celebrating Mother's Day — all while fighting the war on terrorism.

Earlier this year, they began their mission to help maintain and operate "Base X" — a U.S. military base at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. The job is part of "Operation Enduring Freedom."

Guardsmen maintain base

Guardsmen, who were interviewed by e-mail, said they had to learn to maintain the mobile military base — which consists of soft-sided structures such as tents and shelters.

"These are intended to be temporary and can be disassembled and

"I have missed several special events," said Lt. Col. Jeff Follett, 45, of Meridian, referring to Easter and Mother's Day.

" My youngest son, Collin, was born on Sept. 12 last year," he said. "Since I have been gone, I have missed seeing him learning to crawl and sitting up by himself. Those events are special to me. I have received video of him, but it is not the same as being there."

Reynolds, 42, said that he wished he could have seen his daughter graduate from ECCC rather than just listen to it on a cell phone. He said his wife took photos and got video footage.

"I was able to hear what was going on at that time and will be able to see it when I get home," he said. "But to miss a milestone such as college graduation when you have watched every other step, it's tough."

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WEEK OF June 10, 2002

'SMASH OUT CANCER'

Garrick Bishop smashes a car Friday night in a booth sponsored by Garvin's Food Center Team at Newton County's Relay for Life, held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Twenty-one teams had raised $45,000 by the day before the annual camp-out that benefits the American Cancer Society. A scavenger hunt, hula hoop contest and ice water toss were planned as pre-dawn team activities today.

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Dr. Beverly Oliphant gets award

A distinguished career in the field of medicine has earned a prestigious honor for East Central Community College alumnus and Leake County native, Dr. Beverly Oliphant of Annandale, Va.

Dr. Oliphant, former internal medicine specialist with the U.S. state Department in Washington, D.C., was presented Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's Most Distinguished Alumna Award for 2002 at the organizations' 84th Annual Convention held April 5 in Nashville, Tn. More than 4,000 Phi Theta Kappa members, advisors, alumni and college presidents from around the world were in attendance at the awards ceremony, held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort.

In making the announcement, Rod A. Risley, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa, said of Dr. Oliphant: "Dr. Oliphant's distinguished professional accomplishments have earned her this prestigious recognition. Fewer than 30 Phi Theta Kappa members, among the Society's membership of 1.5 million, have been accorded the honor Most Distinguished Alumnus in the Society's 80 years of existence."

Risley further added, "Only alumni who have provided substantial contributions toward improving the quality of life on national or international levels through professional or personal endeavors are selected for this singular recognition."

In accepting the award, Dr. Oliphant commented: "I gratefully accept this award of excellence which is truly not as personal as it might appear at first sight. It is as much about others as about me and I would say even more so. It reflects positively on my family and teachers from grade school onward. It reflects on my community at large and my academic community in particular. It reflects the principles laid down by the Founding Fathers and instilled in all of us as Americans. The Freedoms of Democracy silently infuse the actions of us all."

Past recipients include former United Nations Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick; Jim Lehrer, Lehrer Newshour; Astronaut Fred Haise, Apollo XIII; Dr. William Roper, Director, Centers for Disease Control; and H. Ross Perot, entrepreneur.

Dr. Oliphant retired earlier this year following 26 years service as a Federal Physician. The past 23 years she served as an Internal Medicine Specialist with the Foreign Service Section of the U.S. State Department Medical Unit. Her duties included providing medical care for ambassadors and their families, which covered treatments for international injuries and accompanying the Secretary of State around the world on most trips out of the country. She traveled internationally as the physician to then Secretary of State George Shultz.

She provided the following comment about her work at the State Department: "In my service to mankind and in all my diplomatic travels, I have tried to bring honor to us all, knowing fully well that honor is never a singular event. I also believe that no gift is ever given for our own private use."

Prior to beginning her work with the State Department, Dr. Oliphant was employed with the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals at the Social Security Administration in Arlington, Va. She has also served as an instructor at George Washington University Medical School and has lectured on various medical topics in the capital area and around the world.

Dr. Oliphant, daughter of Mrs. Ira Henry and the late Mr. Henry of Edinburg, was valedictorian of her 1957 graduation class at Edinburg High School. She enrolled at East Central the following summer having received a scholarship from a Carthage civic club in recognition of her academic achievements. She became a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on Dec. 9. 1957.

Regarding her time spent at East Central, Dr. Oliphant stated: "I am so pleased to represent my alma mater, East Central Community College in Decatur. Were it not for the teachers and support staff of East Central who believed in me when I was truly, truly penniless, I could not have served humanity through the art and science of medicine, even in America! My mentors saw that, though empty in pocket, my mind was full of fire and my heart had heard a call to go beyond the edge of personal fear to explore the realm of possibility wherein lies opportunity."

She further commented: "East Central is more than a mere college. It gives more than degrees. Their curricula very adequately prepared students to meet the challenges of any field they choose at the end of two years."

East Central honored Dr. Oliphant selecting her "Alumna of the Year" in 1985.

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Nominations Sought For ECCC Homecoming Honors

Nominations continue to be received for various Homecoming 2002 honors at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction who coordinates the annual event.

This year's observance will be held Saturday, October 19, when recipients for Alumnus of the Year, Alumna of the Year, Academic Instructor of the Year, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year, and those named to the Athletic Hall of Fame are officially recognized at the Alumni Awards luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The deadline to submit nominations is July 1, 2002.

Dr. Sparkman said this year's theme is, "Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow- Homecoming 2002."

Among special groups being recognized are baseball team members from 1988 to 2001 who played under the late Jamie Clark, and members of classes ending in "2." Special diplomas will be presented to members of the 1952 group in observance of their golden anniversary. Also planning their annual reunion are class members from 1957, 1958 and 1959 who will meet Friday, October 18 at the Decatur United Methodist Church.

Recipients of honors presented at the 2001 Homecoming included Dr. Joe Todd of Cincinnati, Ohio, Alumnus of the Year; Mrs. Betty Lewis Gomillion of Walnut Grove, Alumna of the Year; Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington, biology/chemistry instructor, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Polly Mayes, drafting and design technology instructor, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. Also recognized were new members of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame - former ECCC coaches Willie J. "Tennie" Coats and Sammy Pace, both of Decatur, and former basketball standout Charlie Payne of Florence.

For more information regarding the 2002 Homecoming, contact Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327.

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Warren Named ECCC Lab Coordinator/Trainer

Blake Warren of Sebastopol was recently named coordinator/trainer for East Central Community College's Productivity Enhancement Lab located at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of the College, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. Warren, who has 31 years of experience in industrial maintenance and supervision, is responsible for developing, scheduling and delivering Basic Maintenance and Advanced Technology Training classes at the new lab, which is designed to deliver customized technical training in automated manufacturing environments.Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Warren served as maintenance supervisor at Brook Manufacturing Company in Union. He is also a former lead shift mechanic at Witco-Richardson Battery Parts in Philadelphia. A Navy veteran, Warren attended Philadelphia/Neshoba County Schools and East Central Community College.

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WEEK OF June 17, 2002

24-team field set for ECCC Warrior Classic

From special reports

Twenty-four teams are set to compete for top honors in the East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic scheduled for Saturday at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club near Philadelphia.

A 9 a.m. shotgun start officially begins the four-person scramble, being held on the award-winning Azalea course. Golfers are reminded to report to the course at 8 a.m. to complete registration and receive additional tournament information.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. A trophy will be presented to the winning corporate team. In addition, the first golfer to score a hole-in-one on number 13, a 154-yard par-three, will be presented keys to a vehicle valued at $20,000.

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Pace Honored At All-Star Games

For the past five years, Choctaw Central High School has served as host site for the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games. Former East Central Community College women's head basketball coach Sammy Pace (third from left) was instrumental in having the games moved to its current location and is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation for his efforts from (from left) Randy Hodges, principal, Choctaw Central High School; Brad Hodge, ECCC women's head basketball coach; and Terry Ben, District Superintendent of Choctaw Schools. The presentation was made at the 25th anniversary games held earlier this month. Sponsors of this year's event are the Silver Star Resort and Casino, Choctaw Central High School, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi Sport Medicine, Pepsi Cola and ECCC.

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Receive ECCC-Provided Computer Training

These area teachers are mproving their computer skills hanks to a technology-training ourse provided through the Vorkforce Development Center at ast Central Community College in)ecatur. Instruction in Microsoft)ffice 2002 and Web page esign are included in the two-veek course, being held in the ollege's mobile training lab locat-d next to the Forest-Scott County Career and Technology Center. Seated from left are Birdie Robinson(special education), Jan Tadlock (computer discovery) and Lois Evans (special education), all of Morton Middle School; Olivia Joiner (third-grade) and Beth Russell (fourth-grade), both of Forest Elementary School; and Amanda Taylor (English), Scott Central. Standing from left are Sandy Elkins (fifth-grade reading), Hawkins Middle School, Forest; Lisa Darby (junior high special education), Scott Central; Debbie Rogers (family dynamics and health), Lake; Renae Burns (special education) and Donald Wall (special education), both of Scott Central; Olivia Bryan (first-grade), Forest Elementary; and class instructor Thurman Harrell, technology discovery instructor of training at Lake.

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Scott County Students At ECCC

Mary Ann Wright (left) of Decatur, child care technology instructor at East Central Community College, visits with Scott County students (from left) April Robinson of Forest, Lashannon Pinkston of Lake and Sophia Moppins of Morton during Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. The special visitors are shown at one of the many information booths set up at the Brackeen Wood Physical Education Building. Approximately 930 seniors representing 25 schools in the College's five-county district attended the annual event.

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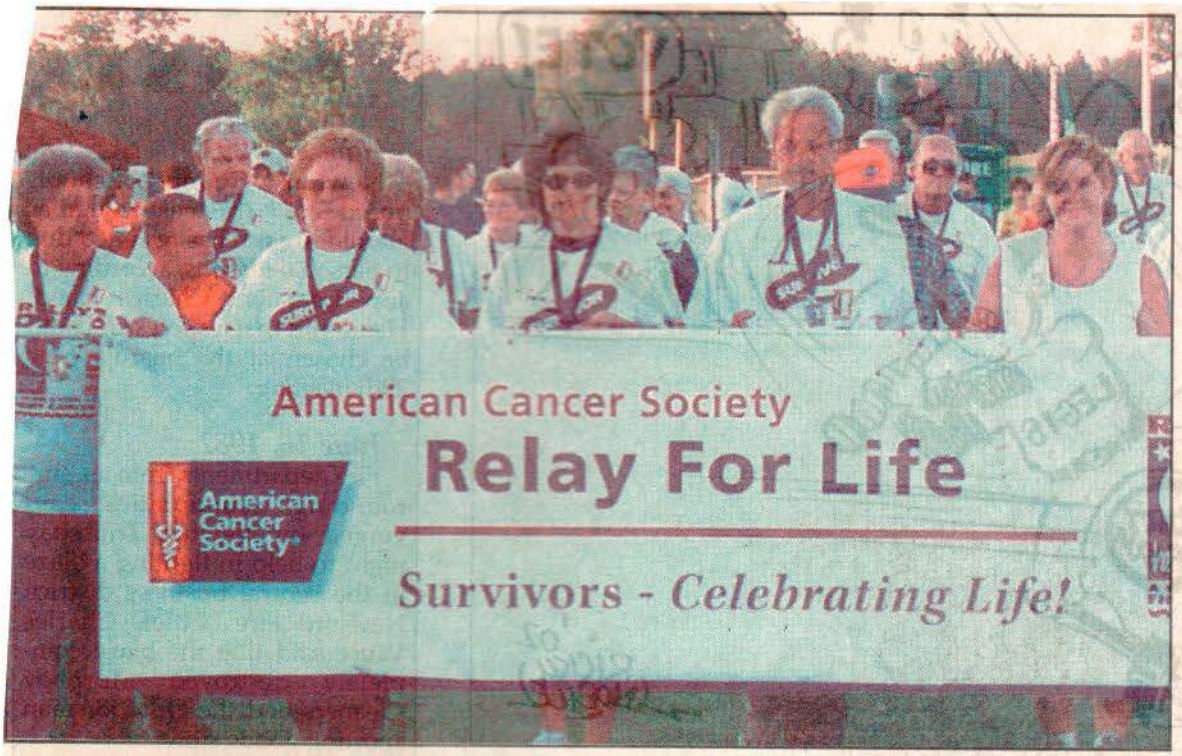

Cancer Survivors Take 'Victory Lap'... These Cancer survivors took a 'Victory Lap' around the football stadium at East Central Community College last Friday night.

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Participate In Humanities Project ~ East Central Community College in Decatur is one of 14 colleges selected nationwide to participate in the Community College Humanities Association's Advancing the Humanities in Teacher Preparation Programs at Community Colleges project. The special program is supported by a $242,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. A three-member team from each participating college recently attended a national teacher preparation conference held in Washington, D. C., and received mentoring assistance from experienced humanities and education community college faculty members. Each team will develop national teacher preparation models of collaboration between the humanities faculty and education faculty. The project models will ensure that the humanities are central to community college programs that recruit and educate the next generation of teachers. The project is being conducted in cooperation with the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Representing East Central Community College in the project are (from left) Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; Linda Pierce, English instructor and division chairman; and Maudean Sanders, assistant dean for vocational-technical instruction.

Local Authors Donate Works to ECCC ~ Literary works by local authors J. C. and Carolyn Matthews Simmons are now part of the extensive Mississippi collection available in Burton Library at East Central Community College in Decatur. The couple is shown presenting their publications to Gloria Johnson, head librarian. Mr.Simmons, a retired airline/corporate pilot, recently published a series of mystery novels, including Blood on the Vine, Blind Overlook, Icy Blue Descent and Some People Die Quick. Mrs. Simmons, an ECCC alumnus, authored Seasons of Life, a collection of poems based on experiences throughout her life. She recently retired as executive director of the Mississippi Dental Association. The couple resides on a family farm in Newton County.

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Workforce Development Center personnel at East Central Community College in Decatur include (from left) Roger Whitlock, Center director; Joe Renaud, personal development specialist; Ronald B. Westbrook, director, Small Business Development Center; Tina Harris, basic skills specialist; Ron Forest, workforce development coordinator; Sylvia Bush, work-based learning coordinator; and Jim Hansford, workforce development coordinator. Not pictured are Jewel Walker, employment placement counselor; Emilie Smith, secretary, Workforce Development Center; and Virgie Thames, secretary, Small Business Development Center. For more information call toll free,1-877-462-3222, ext. 299.

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Scores released for ECCC Four-Person Golf Scramble

East Central Community College, First Annual Warrior Golf Classic, Four-Person Scramble, Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, Azalea Course, June 22, 2002:

Aaron Jagers, Eddie Payton, Mark Enterkin, George Polizzi - 56;

David Sinclair, Thomas Bush, Glynn Griffing, Milton Walker - 58;

Rufus Tubby, Alvin Waiter, Tico Hoffman, Buffy Tubby - 58;

Steve Kelley, Lillie Kelley, Chris Guckert, Mike Peeples - 59;

*Dr. Lee Valentine, Patton Valentine, Lowry Rush III, Lowry Rush IV - 61;

Tommy Smith, Steve Gibson, Randy Dilley, Randy Gibson - 61;

Ray Waddell, Jimmy Rea, Billy Tolbert, Jerry Self - 61;

Joel Nelson, Robert Munn, Hank Moreau, Carl Hollingsworth - 62;

Randy McDill, Ronnie Harris, Chris Davis, Chris Clark - 62;

Clint Huey, Judd Nance, Robby Brown, George Williams - 63;

Jim Walt, Benny Anderson, Michael Usher, John Covert - 63;

Eiji Takano, Beasley Denson, Hayward Bell, Jeremiah Harrison - 64;

Todd Vowell, David Vowell, E.L. Vowell, Dick Crawley - 64;

Thomas Ben, Nick, Schneider, Barry Ben, Tim Tubby - 65;

Mike Goodwin, Don McDill, Rickey Chaney, Kyle Killens - 65;

Frank Moore, Hobson Waits, Ted Jackson, Terry Kemp - 65;

Mel Nicholson, Tommy Clopton, Steve Cheatham, Jake Yarborough - 66;

Bubby Johnston, Tom Brown, Haywood Reeves, Billy Frank Alford - 66;

Scotty Russell, Earl Bryan, Jim Nabers, Chris Harris - 66;

Cliff Stamper, Brian Waddell, Jon Mason, Tony Smith - 67;

Joe Killens, Terry Underwood, Jeremy Stevens, Dewitt Hynes - 67;

Larry McKnight, Richard Burgardt, Jason McKnight, Keith Burton - 71;

Kirk Morgan, Mark Cheatham, Ledale Reynolds, Douglas Weaver - 72;

Barry Jim, Sr., Larry York, William E. York, Henry Williams - 75;

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ECCC GETS GRANT: East Central Community College in Decatur is the recipient of a $50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The funding will be used for a mobile computer laboratory for communications and math students.

"This grant will help East Central Community College give more opportunities to students who are working on computers," U.S. Rep. Chip Pickering said in a statement.

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Shelby Harris Memorial Scholarship established

A scholarship named in memory of the late Dr. Shelby L. Harris has been established at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

The College's mathematics and computer science division along with other ECCC faculty and staff members and friends initiated the scholarship endowment in honor of Dr. Harris, a retired faculty member who died of a massive heart attack on May 14. He was 64.

Dr. Harris retired from full-time teaching duties in 1999, following 36 years of service. He also served 13 years as chairman of the Mathematics and Science Division. In addition, Dr. Harris was the long-time advisor for Alpha Alpha Epsilon, the national engineering honor society for two-year colleges. He served 10 years as advisor of the College's Scholar Bowl team, which twice won top honors in state competition. Although retired from full-time service, Dr. Harris continued to teach on a part-time basis and served as Theta Xi advisor.

Dr. Sutphin said perhaps Harris' greatest contribution to the College was his work with Phi Theta Kappa.

"Dr. Harris was instrumental in developing Theta Xi and led the chapter to honors in several categories at the local, state and national levels. He was also a member of Theta Xi, having been tapped for the honor when he was a student at East Central. Dr. Harris was also an outstanding instructor, as evidenced by the number of his former students who now have successful careers in the math and engineering fields," Dr. Sutphin said.

Dr. Harris was selected the College's Academic Instructor of the Year in 1983 and was chosen Alumnus of the Year in 1999.

Contributions to the Shelby L. Harris Memorial Scholarship may be sent to the ECCC Foundation, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

For scholarship information contact the Vice President for Student Services Offices, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375. The email address is jkillens@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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Scott County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were special luncheon guests at the June meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. Seated from left are Jack Gordon, District Four supervisor; Joe Rigby, circuit clerk; Kim Ervin, comptroller; Myra Murrell-Davis, tax assessor; William Richardson, sheriff; Billy Frank Alford, chancery clerk; and Buford Palmer, District Three supervisor. Standing from left are ECCC trustees Annie Stowers of Forest, Rebecca Farris and Vernon Crotwell, both of Morton; Jackie L. Bradford, District One supervisor; and ECCC trustees A. F. Hollingsworth of Lake,Royce Shaw of Forest and Bingham Moncrief, Scott County Superintendent of Education.

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Winning top honors in the East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic were the above members of a team sponsored by the East Mississippi Correctional Facility. Dayna Morgan (left) of Philadelphia, president of the ECCC Alumni Association, is shown presenting prizes to team members (from left) George Polizzi, Mark Entrekin and Aaron Jagers, all of Meridian. Not pictured is Eddie Payton of Madison, who also won the closest to the line driving contest. Each member of the winning team received a dozen golf balls and a Warrior golf shirt. The tournament champions carded a 56, 16-under par, in the four-person select held on the Azalea Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club located on the Pearl River Resort. The one-day event was sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association and raised over $7,000 for ECCC scholarships. (EC Photo)

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ARUCCI HONORED AT RECEPTION - East Central ommunity College staff member Cathy Carucci, first w, center, of Decatur recently resigned her position as ssistant to the Director of Financial Aid and was hon- ed with a reception in the Eddie M. Smith Building. rucci, who began her employment in March 1997, is own with colleagues, front row, from left - Kimberly ott and Mitsy Baysinger, and standing - Burma Weidler, Killens and Brenda Carson. Carucci leaves East Central enter full-time religious services. (EC Photo)

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Former ECCC coach now a Rebel

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

Former two-time East Central Community College men's basketball coach Jay Bowen has been named Coordinator of Basketball Operations for the Ole Miss men's basketball program.

Bowen takes over for Grant Pate, who was promoted to assistant coach on June 13.

Bowen had to decide whether to leave Austin Peay State University after just one year or stay at the Clarksville, Tenn., school and turn down the chance to return to Mississippi.

"It was a tough decision," Bowen said. "(Ole Miss men's head basketball coach) Rod (Barnes) called and had this position and it was a difficult decision for me and my family. It was one that we had to make, but it wasn't necessarily one that we wanted to make.

"We're happy to be at Ole Miss and are looking forward to it because it's a good family and Rod is a good person and one of the best coaches in the country and you're in the best league in the country. I'm looking forward to it."

Bowen's role will involve him with basically all phases of basketball except recruiting.

"I'll be running camps, film, alumni meetings, etc.," Bowen said. "I'll be down here when Barnes comes down to the Meridian Rebel Club and probably the Newton County Rebel Club."

Bowen left East Central in August of 2001 for an assistant job at Austin Peay. The Governors were 14-18 for the 2001-02 season and were 8-8 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

As fate would have, Austin Peay is on Ole Miss' 2002-03 schedule.

"We liked it a lot there and had a good recruiting year," Bowen said. "We had a difficult schedule last year in a rebuilding year, but played pretty well.

"We play them on Dec. 4, so that's going to be a tough situation for me."

This is his second stop at Ole Miss as Bowen was a graduate assistant to Ed Murphy for a year before taking the ECCC head job for the first time in 1989. He also served as an assistant at Armstrong State College in Savannah, Ga., and at Christian Brothers College in Memphis.

"We're excited to have Jay join our basketball staff," Barnes said. "To be able to bring a person of Jay's caliber and experience adds a lot to our program. Jay has a great knowledge of all the areas in college basketball and that will be valuable in his position as Coordinator of Basketball Operations. Jay is a great fit for us."

His first stint at East Central saw the Warrior teams go 30-17, including a 21-6 mark in the 1990-91 season.

He left the Decatur school for a five-year stint as an assistant coach at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga.

From there, Bowen was the head boys' basketball coach at Jackson Academy. The Raiders went 33-2 and won the Academy AAAA state championship in the 1996-97 season.

Bowen returned to ECCC for three years before joining Austin Peay last fall.

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Dempsey Honored

Jimmy Dempsey (center), recently retired vocational-technical counselor at East Central Community College in Decatur, was honored with a program and reception in recognition of his 34 years of service in the field of education. Dempsey served the past twelve-and-a-half years at East Central. The Winston County native received numerous gifts at the special program, including a framed resolution from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. At right is Doug Sullivan of Brookhaven, a longtime friend and former college classmate of Dempsey who was among those paying tribute to the longtime educator. (EC Photo)

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Chip announces grants for Sebastopol Clinic; East Central

Congressman Chip Pickering recently announced a pair of grants to the Sebastopol Health Care Clinic and to East Central Community College.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced a $100,000 grant to East Central Mississippi Health Care in Sebastopol. The grant is part of a program called the 'Expanded Medical Capacity Initative' and is designed to extend primary health care services by increasing the health center's ability to serve 1,395 patients and improve their health status.

"Community Health Centers provide quality health care to medically under-served and uninsured people of Mississippi. The health centers provide a safety net to help people in need of health care services," said Pickering.

Pickering's office also announced a U.S. Department of Education grant for $50,000 to East Central Community College in Decatur.

The grant will be used for a Mobile Computer Laboratory. This lab will serve the computing needs needs of communications and mathematics students and allow more versatility for the college.

Instructors will be able to structure assignments to give students hands-on training with computers. Instructors will supervise students in a classroom setting in the lab.

"This grant will help East Central Community College give more opportunities to students who are working on computers," said Pickering.

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Area 4-H Club Donates to ECCC Project

DECATUR--Representatives from the Good Luck 4-H Club recently presented a check for $400 to East Central Community College to be used for the College's Wildlife Habitat being developed on the front campus near Cross Hall. Shown during the presentation are (from left) Kim Henley of Hickory, club volunteer; members Laura Alexander, devotion leader, Beth Alexander, treasurer, and William Alexander, member, all of Little Rock; Jenna Talbert (presenting check), club president, of Hickory; Johnny Lockert, secretary, of Lake; Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington of Clinton, ECCC biology/chemistry instructor and project coordinator; Ashley Henley, vice president, of Hickory; Anna Alexander, reporter, of Little Rock; and Cindy Alexander, club volunteer, of Little Rock. The project is funded with a Community Pride Grant from the Chevron Companies. Community Pride is a grants and awards program sponsored by the Chevron Companies and administered by the Mississippi State University Extension Service - 4-H. (EC Photo)

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AmeriCorps Members Making a Difference in Decatur

When Jeritta Prentice of Landover, Maryland, was a small child, she wanted to change the world. Years later, finding herself in college, 36 hours short of graduation and needing a break, she decided if she couldn't 'change' the world, she could at least make a difference. Prentice is just one of 11 AmeriCorps volunteers spending six weeks on the Decatur campus of East Central Community College doing everything from renovating dorms to tutoring young children.

AmeriCorps*NCCC is a 10-month, full-time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. AmeriCorps*NCCC combines the best practices of civilian service with the best aspects of military service, including leadership and team building. Members serve in teams of 10 to 15 members. Priority is given to projects in public safety, public health, and disaster relief. Teams are based at one of five campuses across the country but are sent to work on short-term projects in neighboring states. In fiscal year 2001, 1,000 members served in AmeriCorps*NCCC.

Each volunteer in the AmeriCorps program is unique and each has his or her own story about how and why they got involved in the AmeriCorps program.

The two youngest members joined directly out of high school. Many members are in graduate school and one even has a master's degree in education.

Cia Walker of Leominster, Massachusetts, is the team leader. She previously served as a corps member in the western region.

A college graduate who holds a degree in psychology, Walker said, "I wanted to travel and be responsible for myself but not live completely on my own. I also signed up for a second year in the program because I wanted to provide a group of people what this program offered me."

There are various challenges in the program. Walker said it has been a challenge for her to continuously lead and motivate her peers every day. And both Walker and Prentice agree that there are also some physical challenges.

Walker agreed, but said it was great for team-building skills.

Both agree that the Decatur project has been one of the best. Prentice said, "This seems to be the beginning of the best because I have family that is from the South and because I like working with kids. It also encompasses almost every aspect of AmeriCorps service projects including education, public safety, health, and the environment. Although both are enjoying Decatur, they say they have had a positive experience in each community they have been in.

Others on the East Central campus have also been pleased with what they have done.

Shemeka Cleveland, VISTA worker in the ECCC Learning Skills Center, said, "The NCCC team has been a lot of help with our summer tutoring project. We have about 20 students coming to the center get help with math and reading. They are able to get one-on-one tutoring and some of the kids really need that. Also the NCCC members are really resourceful and creative. They have come up with some really neat and interesting educational games and ideas for the kids."

After spending almost ten months together, Walker said of her team, "We have become a family. Although there are times that we get on each others nerves, like any family, we also love each other."

And what do their real families think?

There are a few occasions when Corps members are allowed to go home. Walker said they have Christmas and Spring breaks and three personal days. AmeriCorps provides one round trip ticket to and from the main campus. Any other travel is paid for by the members. They do have a 15-passenger van to travel to and from projects. AmeriCorps is open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents age 18 or older. Members serve full or part time over a 10- to 12-month period. Full-time members receive an education award of $4,725 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back student loans. They also receive health insurance, training, and student loan deferment. About half of the members also receive a modest annual living allowance of about $9,300, along with health insurance. Members who serve part-time receive a partial education award. Prentice added, "After this program is over, AmeriCorps doesn't just say goodbye. They continue to help members look for jobs and apply to schools. And they check on you periodically." Walker agreed, "AmeriCorps is a total program. It gets better every year and helps members learn skills and encourages you to go further." To learn more about joining AmeriCorps, go to www.AmeriCorps.org/joining or call 1-800-942-2677 or (TTY 1-800-833-3722).

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EC students will see another rise in tuition

East Central Community College will not be asking for any tax increase from Newton County taxpayers this fiscal year.

However, the college will be asking for a second consecutive $100 increase from students who attend the school.

College president Dr. Phil Sutphin said the college was not asking for any new taxes despite a state cut of $2.8 million over a period of three years.

"Our enrollment was up for the 17th year in a row," said Sutphin at a meeting of the Newton County board of supervisors. There were 2,435 students enrolled at the Decatur campus for the last school term.

In fiscal 2002, trustees at the college increased tuition from $500 per semester to $600. An additional $100 will be assessed in fiscal 2003.

Even though the college has experienced financial 'belt tightening' no programs have been cut, no faculty members have been laid off and no instructional or athletic programs have been discontinued.

Sutphin said that the college is expanding two of it's curriculum programs, working technology and surgical technology. Criminal justice, wildlife, fisheries and parks and paramedic technology will be offered in the fall.

"Our north side of campus is really starting to take on a new look," he said. "The community is really enjoying it." Trails (walking) have been constructed and trees have been planted.

Dr. Phil Sutphin

On the college's buildings, Sutphin said the new Eddie M. Smith Student Union is set to be completed in the next couple of years with a new science facility, residence hall, band hall and an amphitheater.

East Central continues to be recognized as one of the state's top community and junior colleges in the area of institutional effectiveness, according to Sutphin. According to the latest available data, EC graduates who transferred to other four-year colleges and universities had among the highest grade point averages when compared to other transfer students.

Newton County provided the bulk of students at the college with 564 enrolled. It was followed closely by Neshoba County with 537; Scott County with 373; Winston County with 319 and Leake County with 298. Out of district students numbered 292.

"We will do our best to keep the millage where we're at," said Beat Three rep Milton Smith. "I can't promise that. But one of the problems that we're going to run into, with my assessment (on property) going up $300... that's not just me, but everybody in the county."

James Smith said the only budget areas the supervisors have control over is the road and bridge districts and the county's general fund. "We've got people coming in here wanting to raise (taxes) the road and bridge. If we don't have decent roads, these people coming to school and work and are building houses... we don't have much choice there," said James Smith.

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ECCC CORPORATE WINNERS

Rush Foundation Hospital won top honors in the corporate division of the East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held on the Azalea Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club. Team members are (from left) Dr. Lee Valentine, Lowery Rush III, Lowery Rush IV and Patton Valentine, all of Meridian. The group carded a 61, 11-under par, in the four-person scramble, which raised over $7,000 for ECCC scholarships. Twenty-four teams participated in the one-day event, sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association.

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EC scholarships available for nontraditional students

East Central Community College in Decatur continues to provide financial assistance to adults who are interested in continuing their education. Nontraditional Student Tuition Scholarships are available to any qualified Mississippi residents 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at ECCC.

These scholarships are available to those who enroll as full-time academic or technical students on the Decatur campus. they must have earned all previous college credit as a student at East Central and must have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours but no more than 21 semester hours of college credit as either a full-time or part-time student at the College.

Applicants must show the potential for leadership and academic excellence and have high moral standards and good character as documented by two letters of recommendation.

To be eligible, applicants must have a completed application form on file in the Office of the Vice President for Student Services. The deadline to apply is August 1, 2002.

For more information, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 375, or toll free 1-877-462-3222. The email address is jkillens@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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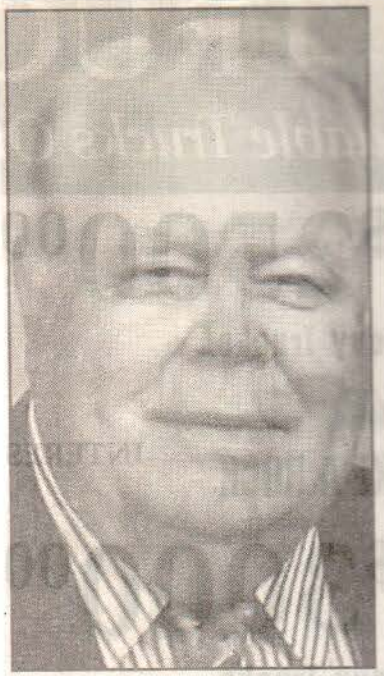

Frank T. Rives

ECCC building named for retired educator

On Tuesday, East Central Community College officially named its South Campus Classroom Building for retired administrator Frank T. Rives during a ceremony held at 3 p.m. in Huff Auditorium onthe Decatur campus. The bulding has been named the Frank T. Rives Educational Building.

Rives, former dean of admissions and records, retired in 1986 following 33 years of service at East Central.

Rives, who still resides in Decatur, began his tenure at East Central in 1953 as a math and physics instructor. He was selected Registrar in 1962 and served in that capacity until 1984 when he was named to the Dean's position.

He is also a former instructor at Southwest Mississippi Community College and was a teacher and coach at Union High School.

A Leake County native, Rives is a graduate of Lena High School, Clarke College, Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi.

He is married to the former

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Mary Lowery of Forest and they have three grown children, Dr. David Rives of Newton, Paul Lowery of Union and Sue Lowery Bernhard, of San Diego, California; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Program participants included Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction; retired ECCC administrators Dr. Brad Tucker, Denver Brackeen and Joe Clark; and the Rev. Stan Buckley, pastor of Clarke Venable Baptist Church. ECCC keyboard instructor Leesa Wilkinson will provide special music.

A reception in honor of Mr. Rives followed the dedication program and was held in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Board Vice Chairman Jack Winstead of Lawrence said Rives is "most deserving of this tribute."

"Those of us who were his (Rives') students at East Central remember him not only as an outstanding professor but also as one who had a genuine concern for his students. He was one of the most revered and respected teachers on cam-

to spend the greater part of his career on that campus. I speak from experience when I say that he had a profound impact on my life, and I'm certain that this statement could be echoed by many, many others whom he so patiently guided and nurtured through sometimes difficult junior college years," Winstead said.

Retirement has in no way interrupted Mr. Rives' love and support of ECCC, Winstead said; "He continues to be a very faithful friend of the College. As well, he as remained an active and productive member of his community and his church."

A Leake County native and graduate of Lena High School, Rives holds anassociate degree from Clarke College, a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College and a master's degree from the University of Mississippi.

He is married to the former Mary Lowery of Forest and they have three grown children: Dr. David Rives, a dentist in Newton; Paul Lowery of Union, who is employed with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and Sue Lowery Bernhard, an associate professor in the biology department at the University of San Diego, California. Mr. and Mrs.

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ECCC announces new staff members

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president of East Central Community College, has announced several new faculty and staff members.

Tanya Boler of Conehatta was named English instructor. Boler previously taught English and journalism classes at Union High School. She is also a former faculty member at Philadelphia and Newton County high schools. In addition, she has served ECCC as an adjunct faculty member.

Boler

She is a graduate of Union High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in English. She is currently pursuing a Specialist's degree.

She is married to Ricky Boler and they have two children, Corey, 15, and Aislin, nine.

Reggie Richardson of Stonewall was named assistant baseball coach. Richardson was head baseball coach at Southeast Lauderdale High School prior to joining the ECCC staff. He is also a former assistant at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

He played one year of professional baseball in the Texas-Louisiana League.

Richardson

Richardson is a 1995 honor graduate of Enterprise High School, where he was All-District in baseball for three years and was selected first team All-Area during his junior and senior campaigns. In addition, he was namedto the Mississippi High School All-Star Team. He also played football and received All-District honors as a defensive back.

Richardson is also an honor graduate of JCJC, where he received numerous baseball accolades, including All-Region, All-State and All-Star. In addition, he was selected team captain and was chosen best defensive player.

He continued his athletic career at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, where the shortstop was named to the All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Team after posting a .345

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batting average while hitting 18 home runs and collecting 97 RBIs.

An honor graduate, Richardson received a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in social studies and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Administration.

Black

He is married to the former Blair Fee of Hattiesburg.

Patrick Black of Meridian was named director-instructor for the new EMT-Paramedic Technology program at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Black served as a paramedic for Metro Ambulance Service in Meridian.

He is a graduate of Long Beach High School and completed EMT courses at East Mississippi Community College (Mayhew campus) and at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He also holds a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Mississippi State University.

Cheatham

Black is married to the former Jennifer Pytko of El Paso, Texas, andthey have a two-year-old child, Patrick, Jr.

Brenda Cheatham of Decatur was named bookstore manager. Cheatham previously served as a secretary at Philadelphia High School.

In addition to her secretarial experience, Cheatham has several years of experience in the banking business, having served as a customer specialist and customer service representative.

She is a graduate of East Central Community College, where she received an AA degree in business education.

Cheatham is married to Steve Cheatham, an assistant football coach at ECCC. They have a daughter, Lindsey, a sophomore member of the College's cheerleading squad.

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Cheatham Selected EC Bookstore Manager

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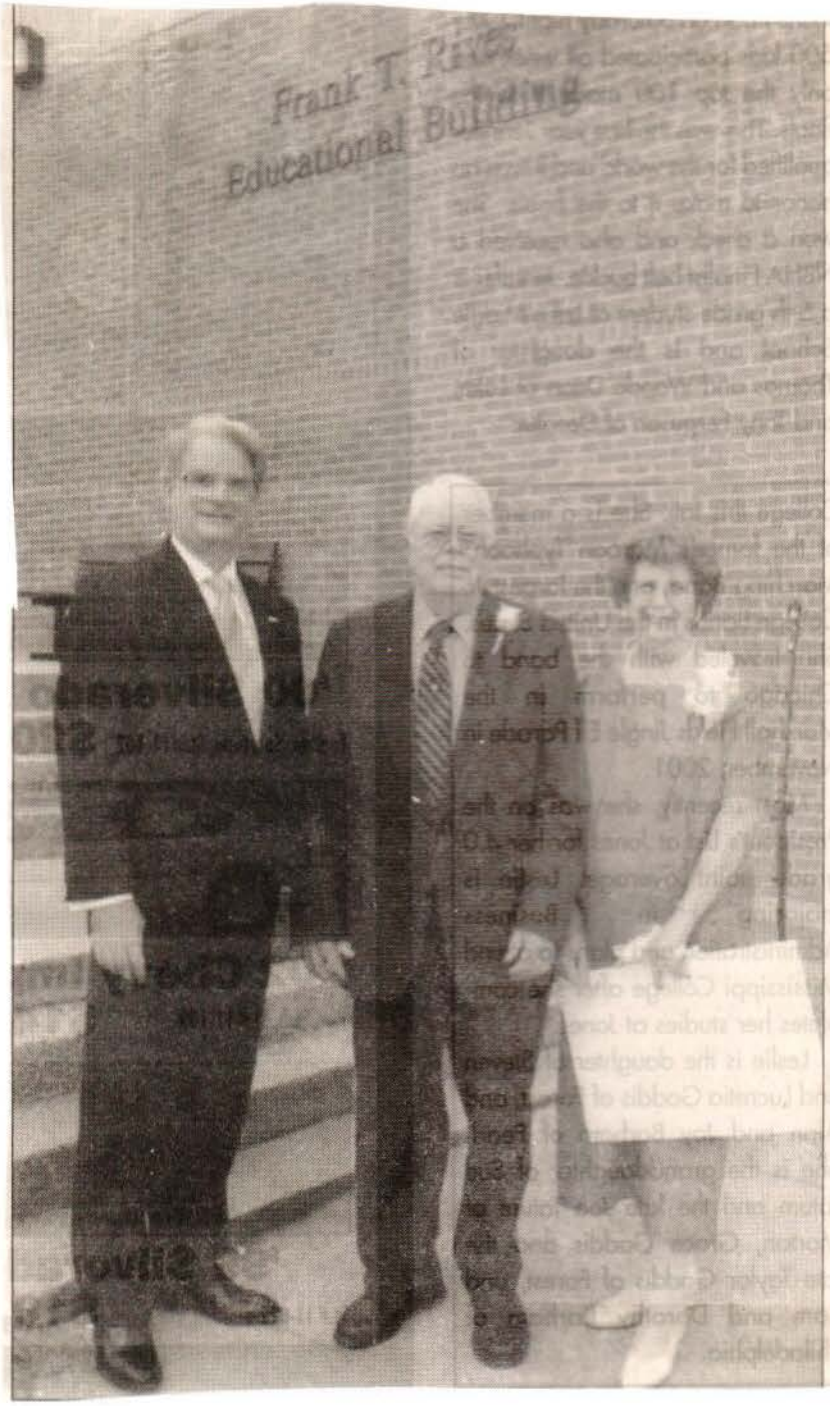

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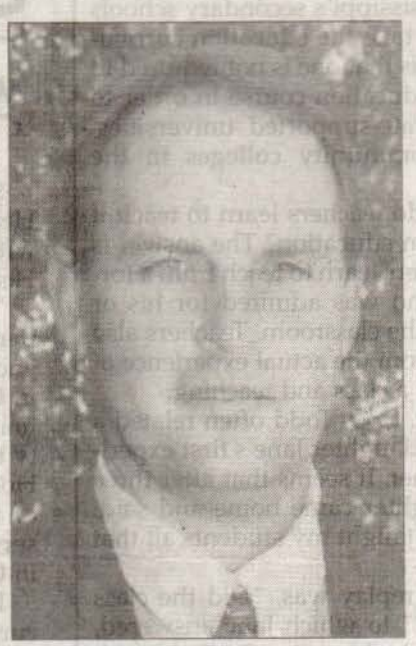

Clark Selected ECCC Workforce Development Coordinator ~ Chris Clark of Decatur was recently named Workforce Development Coordinator at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. Clark was previously employed at La-Z-Boy South in Newton, where he most recently served as purchasing agent. He also held the positions of assistant human resource manager, production scheduler and worked in the leather department/production during his 12-year tenure with the company. He also has experience in sales and finance. A graduate of Decatur High School, Clark holds an associate of arts degree in business administration from East Central Community College and a bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Clark is married to the former Sandy Hemingway of Marion, Miss. They have two children, Luke, five, and Olivia, nine months.

Russell Selected ECCC ~ Workforce Development Coordinator ~ Scotty Russell of Decatur was recently named temporary Workforce Development Coordinator at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. Russell is a former production manager at La-Z-Boy South in Newton. He also previously served as a marketing engineer for Entergy Corporation in Greenville. A graduate of East Central Junior College, he holds bachelor's degrees in industrial engineering and business administration from Mississippi State University. Russell and his wife, Colette, have two children, Slade Thompson and Brandon Thompson.

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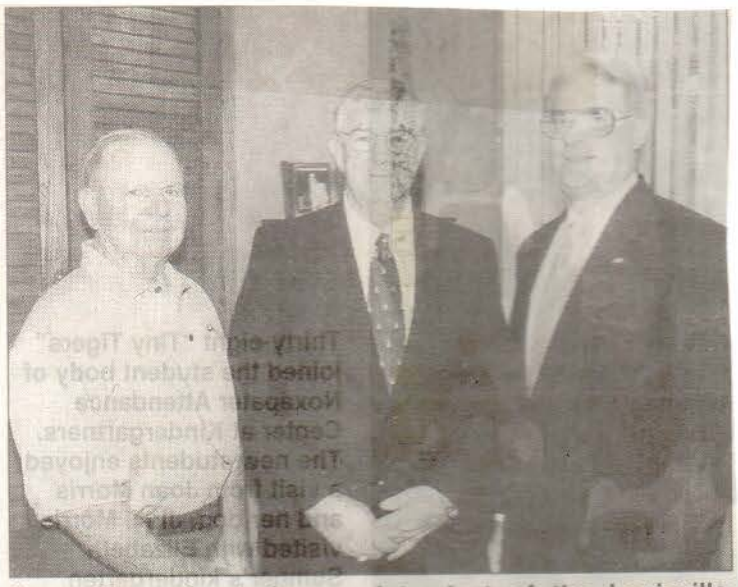

Harry Kemp (center), superintendent of the Louisville Municipal School District, was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. The new trustee is shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin following the group's August meeting. Kemp is beginning his 34th year of service in the field of education. Prior to his selection as superintendent, Kemp served the Louisville School District as assistant superintendent and administrative assistant. He is also a former mathematics teacher at Louisville High School. An ECCC alumnus, Kemp is also a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School and Mississippi State University. He is married to the former Beverly Brooks and they have twin boys, Jordan and Tyler, who are seniors at LHS. (EC Photo)

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Farris Receives Service Award

Rebecca Farris of Morton was recently recognized for her years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees at East Central Community College in Decatur. Farris, who joined the ECCC Board in February 1987, was presented a plaque of appreciation from Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president, at the Mississippi Community and Junior College Trustees Association's annual meeting held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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ECCC names Richardson assistant baseball coach

Reggie Richardson of Stonewall was recently named assistant baseball coach at East Central Community College.

Richardson was head baseball coach at Southeast Lauderdale High School prior to joining the ECCC staff. He is also a former assistant at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

He played one year of professional baseball in the Texas-Louisiana League.

Richardson is a 1995 honor graduate of Enterprise High School, where he was All-District in baseball for three years and was selected first team All-Area during his junior and senior campaigns. In addition, he was named to the Mississippi High School All-Star Game.

Richardson is also an honor graduate of JCJC, where he received numerous baseball accolades, including All-Region, All-State and All-Star. In addition, he was selected team captain and was chosen best defensive player.

Reggie Richardson

Richardson continued his athletic career at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, where the shortstop was named to the All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Team after posting a .345 batting average while hitting 18 home runs and collecting 97 RBIs.

An honor graduate, Richardson received a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in social studies and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Administration.

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WEEK OF August 26, 2002

ECC's Len Bobo To Present Organ Program

Organist Len Bobo, who also serves as conductor of the East Central Community College concert choir, will present a program of organ music at 1 PM on Wednesday, September 4 during the music department's recital class. The public is invited and there is no charge for admission. For more information contact Leesa Wilkinson, ECCC Music Department, 635-2111, ext. 227, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 227.

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"Meet the ECCC Warriors" Pep Rally

East Central Community College football fans can get their first glimpse of the 2002 squad by attending the annual "Meet the Warriors Pep Rally" scheduled Tuesday, September 3 in downtown Decatur. Activities get underway at 7 PM at the Citizens Bank parking lot located across the street from Spanky's Texaco Station. The Warrior cheerleaders, Centralettes and the Wall O' Sound Marching Band will perform.

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Hitt Selected EC Work-Based Coordinator

Jeffery G. Hitt of Union was recently selected Work-Based Learning Coordinator at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

The WBL coordinator serves as a liaison between vocational-technical students, instructors and local industries regarding job placement and skills.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Hitt served as guidance counselor at the East Central Alternative School in Decatur. He is also a former social studies teacher at Union High School. Hitt has previously served ECCC as a summer recruiter and adjunct faculty member.

A graduate of Union High School, Hitt received an associate in arts degree from ECCC, a bachelor of public administration degree from the University of Mississippi, and a master of science degree in counselor education from Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Linda Henley of Hickory and they have a daughter, Gillian.

For information regarding Work-Based Learning, contact Hitt at the College's

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WEEK OF September 2, 2002

Thomas William Thrash
College professor

NEWTON — Services for Thomas William Thrash will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Decatur United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Newton County Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Barham Funeral Home of Newton is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Thrash, 64, of Decatur, died Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at Specialty Hospital. He was employed with East Central Community College in Decatur since 1962 and was the chairman of the social science and business division.

Survivors include, his wife, Jeanette B. Thrash, of Decatur; two daughters, Mev Knight and her husband, Robbie, of Meridian, and Melissa Carleton and her husband, Robert, of Newton; two grandchildren, Kelsi and Logan Knight; his mother, Evelyn Gallaspy Thrash, of Newton; and a brother, Ronnie G. Thrash, of Newton.

He was preceded in death by his father, John T. Thrash.

Memorials may be made to the Thomas W. Thrash Scholarship Fund at ECCC.

Visitation will be held today from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Mr. Thrash, 64, of Decatur, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at Specialty Hospital.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 5 p.m.- 6 p.m. at the funeral home in Newton.

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S'pol's Killen earns awards as ECCC grad

Lynda W. Killen of Sebastopol, a recent graduate of East Central Community College, was awarded numerous scholarships after graduation.

Killen was awarded the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Meridian Scholars Scholarship and the William Winter Teacher Scholarship.

She graduated with a 4.0 grade point average at ECCC and was named to the President's Honor Roll.

She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, the Mississippi Reading Program, as well as being listed in Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

She is the daughter of Shelby Callahan of Walnut Grove and the late Otis Wolverton of the Damascus community.

She is married to Marty Killen and is presently attending the Mississippi State University Meridian branch.

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Lowe scholarship established at EC

A scholarship honoring the e and work of Louisville ive Edwin W. Lowe and his e, the former Marie Johnson Helena, Arkansas, has been tablished at East Central mmunity College in Decatur, nounced Dr. Phil A Sutphin, lege president.

The scholarship, endowed by the couple's children, pays tribute to the longtime newspaper employees who worked for various publications throughout the mid-South. Mrs. Lowe later completed bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Women's University and was a school librarian in the Dallas, Texas area for the last 14 years of her career. Together the Lowes reared two daughters and a son, all of whom had careers in education.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a potential recipient must be a nontraditional student (23 years of age or over) and have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

Dr. Sutphin said requirements for the scholarship "recognize the fact that Mrs. Lowe completed her college degrees after having a family and a career and that Mr. Lowe, although he was unable to complete his degree because of the depression, supported his wife's efforts to obtain her degrees and was an avid life-long learner."

For more information regarding The Edwin and Marie Lowe Scholarship, contact the vice president for student services, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext.375. The email address is gdavis@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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WEEK OF Sept 23, 2002

Makes ECCC Contribution ~ Robert Carleton of Newton is shown presenting a check to East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin during the annual Meet the Warriors Pep Rally sponsored by the area businessman and held in downtown Decatur. Carleton made contributions to the Warrior Club and the College Faculty Excellence Endowment Fund. Carleton is owner of Carleton Oil Company and Spanky's Food Marts.

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East Central targets tech training inadequacies for manufacturing

By BECKY GILLETTE
MBJ Contributing Writer

DECATUR — Manufacturing environments are still very critical to the economic success of East Central Mississippi and officials no longer have to look several states away for training that grows and/or grooms the maintenance employees who install, setup, troubleshoot and repair automated manufacturing technologies.

In the past some members of the State's Workforce Development Council have voiced opinions that workforce development programs delivered through the state's community and junior colleges have neglected to address technical inadequacies in the workforce around the state. Of particular concern has been the lack of access to training for improving skills for industrial maintenance mechanics and electrical technicians in manufacturing industries

At East Central Community College (ECCC), the concerns have been heard and major efforts made to tailor programs to meet the real-world needs of local manufacturing industries and their workers.

"ECCC has listened to these challenges for quite some time from state workforce council members, district workforce council members, employer-customers, employee-trainees and various other authorities on how to prioritize and invest workforce education/training dollars," said Roger Whitlock, director of workforce development for ECCC. "These voices have been heard and the recommendations have caused positive, results-generating reactions."

Currently ECCC is positioning itself to be a training cluster hub for industrial maintenance and various other skill-sets demanded by automated manufacturing environments. An online technical training library has been developed to offer assistance to employers/trainees statewide through any workforce development center.

"Most of these Centers will have some ability to deliver customized and specific 'instructor-led and/or hands-on' reinforcement of these online training sessions," Whitlock said.

ECCC has developed a Web site to advertise to local industry the offerings of its Productivity Enhancement Lab. The information is available at the Web site is at www.eccc.edu by choosing the link "Workforce Development Services" and then selecting "Productivity Enhancement Lab Coordinator/Trainer." The Productivity Enhancement Lab is located within the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center in Philadelphia.

"This training facility, with progressive, reflective equipment, is our response to challenges from technical experts from automated manufacturing environments in

cian apprenticeship program."

Since March ECCC has provided training to more than 200 people to upgrade technical skill-sets.

Local industry employees who have participated in the program have found it very valuable, says Lamar Bradley, maintenance manager for ESCO Corporation, a steel foundry in Newton.

"We have several people here who completed some of those courses," Bradley said. "Everyone has come in and said they got quite a lot out of it."

Bradley said previously if employees wanted to take a specific technical class, they would be required to first take other pre-requisite academic courses such as high-level math or English. That essentially made the training they were seeking unavailable. The new offerings are much more practical, allowing the employees to study exactly what they need.

"If they want to know hydraulics, they can study hydraulics," Bradley said. "They can go for that need. We're really pleased with the program."

Whitlock said ECCC instructors are proven with "real world experience" in the topics covered. Teaching materials are tied to industry skills. Both electrical and mechanical programs are available at the

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modern lab that offers both hands on and simulation instruction.

Some features of the lab include the following:

- Short-term technical classes (24 hours).
- Five Levels (80 hours each) of an industrial maintenance technician apprenticeship program.
- The capacity to earn industrial maintenance technician apprenticeship credentials.
- Access to an on-line technical training library for industrial maintenance technicians.
- Objective assessments for verifying maintenance technicians' knowledge and skill sets.
- Financial assistance options.

Productivity enhancement and industrial maintenance training classes cover a broad range to topics including electrical, electronics, hydraulics, pneumatics, motor controls, programmable logic controls, industrial environment troubleshooting, electrical and mechanical drive systems, welding, and robotics.

For more information on the productivity enhancement and industrial maintenance training classes, or the many other programs offered through the ECCC workforce development center, contact Roger Whitlock at (601) 635-2111 ext. 299 or send an e-mail to rwhitlock@eccc.state.ms.us. ■

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EC presents Wright, Williams

Two of Mississippi's most famous writers, Richard Wright and Tennessee Williams, will "come to life" during a special presentation by the Mississippi Writers Chautauqua at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The program will be held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center and features Dr. Jerry Ward, a professor of English and African World Studies at Dillard University, in the persona of Wright, and Charlie Bosworth, a member of the Speech and Theatre faculty at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, who will portray Williams.

Dr. Ward wrote his doctoral dissertation at the University of Virginia on Wright and his American critics.

For more than 20 years as the Lawrence Durgin Professor of Literature at Tougaloo College, Dr. Ward taught composition and literature, focusing on African American literature and the works of Wright.

He is one of the founders of the Richard Wright Circle and will be co-editor of the Richard Wright Encyclopedia, scheduled for publication in 2006 by Greenwood Press.

Bosworth, who also serves on the Mississippi Department of Education's Fine Arts Framework Revision committee, has performed with the Sheffield Ensemble Theater's national touring company as well as acting and directing in theaters in Florida, the Midwest and Canada.

Wright, a native of Roxie who died in 1960, is recognized as one of America's most important 20th century novelists and essayists.

His fictional works include the short story collections of Uncle Tom's Children and Eight Men, the novels Native Son, The Outsider, Savage Holiday, The Long Dream and Lawd Today!, and the novella Rite of Passage.

Williams, whose real name was Thomas Lanier Williams, was a native of Columbus.

His writings earned him two Pulitzer Prizes for the Broadway production of Streetcar Named Desire and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. His work also includes the plays Summer and Smoke, The Rose Tatoo, Sweet Bird of Youth, Period of Adjustment, The Night of the Iquana and Small Craft Warnings.

In addition, he wrote several novels including The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone and The World of Reason.

Williams died in 1983 in New York at the age of 72.

The public is invited to attend the program and there is no charge for admission.

For more information contact Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 202.

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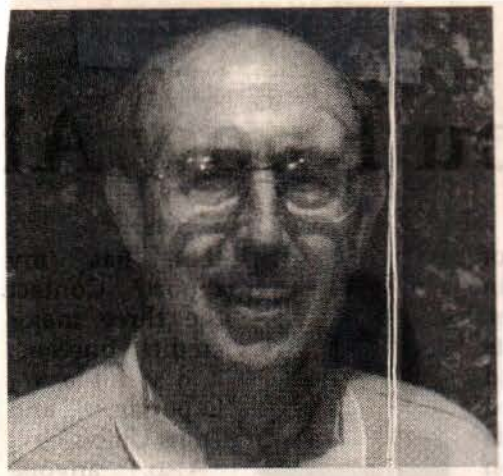

Len Bobo of Brandon was recently selected concert choir director at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Supthin, College president.

Bobo, who also serves as adjunct professor of organ and organist at Millsaps College in Jackson, is a former visiting professor of music at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. In addition, he has held teaching positions at Hendrix College, also located in Conway, and at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he began his teaching career in 1975.

He taught on the community college level at Garland County Community College in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

He also serves as director of music and organist at Covent Presbyterian Church in Jackson. He is a former associate director of music, organist and director of The Music and Arts Institute at First Presbyterian Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He has 30 years experience in church music.

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IMOGENE BORGANELLI

Borganelli is a longtime civic and community leader in Greenville. In addition, she is a former teacher, having taught in Shaw, Jackson and Greenville public schools. She also served Shaw High School as girls' basketball coach.

She has continued her service to education as a member of various advisory boards and organizations, including the National Educational Foundation Program Committee of the American Association of University Women, the Advisory Board to Promote Equity in Education at Mississippi Delta Community College, the Mississippi Association for Women in Higher Education, the Mississippi Career Education Advisory Committee, and the American Association of University Women, an organization she served in numerous capacities including president and vice president of the state and local chapters.

She also served on the Human Relations Council during the transition years of moving into a desegregated school system in Greenville, and is a former president of the Parent/Teacher Association. In addition, she has served on the City of Greenville Education Initiative Board and provides support for Public Radio of Mississippi (PRM) and Mississippi Educational Television (ETV).

She also served as an advisory member for the Sarah Isom Center for Women at the University of Mississippi.

Her civic experience is extensive and includes membership on the Greenville Biracial Committee, an organization she also chaired; the Teen Club Board; the Greenville Community Citizens Advisory Development Committee; the Alice Bell Garden Club; the Garden Club of Mississippi; the Belvidere Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and the Private Taylor Rucks Chapter #2204 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

In addition, she served six years on the Mississippi Humanities Council and continues to serve as an advisory member. A graduate of Decatur High School, Borganelli is a member of the ECJC Class of 1947. At East Central, she served as co-captain of the Warriorette basketball team and was a member of the Glee Club. She also participated in several drama productions. She mentioned the late Frank Leatherwood, who taught biology at the College, and her father, the late Nick Johnson, among those who influenced her career. Johnson was a former math teacher and school superintendent. He also served as President of the Scott County Board of Education. Mrs. Borganelli noted that her father "spent most of his life working to improve education." Johnson was also a businessman, having owned the Decatur Hardware Store.

She received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Mississippi, and has completed additional coursework in education from Ole Miss on the graduate level.

She is married to Santo Borganelli and they have five grown children. Dr. Mark Borganelli, a cardiologist with specialties of cardiovascular diseases and electro physiology, resides in Pensacola, Fla., with his wife, Wanda, and their two children, Ali and Chase. Dr. Greg Borganelli is a dentist specializing in children's dentistry and resides in Lake City, Fla., with his wife, Suzanne. Sanci is a retired executive and assists her husband, Tom Ledwidge who has a State Farm Insurance Agency in Miami Lakes, Fla. They have two children, Tommy and Max. Bart Borganelli is a vice president in the cash management division at Bancorp South in Hattiesburg. He has a daughter, Alexis. Neal Borganelli is an account executive with the Cytyc Corporation in Birmingham, Ala., and Bentborough, Mass.

Harvey Trapp

Imogene Johnson Borganelli

her husband reside in Decatur and have a daughter, Maggie Elizabeth Nowell. Trapp has two stepdaughters, Mrs. Jake (Stacy) Addy of Newton and Mrs. Michael Wayne (Tracy) Dearing of Newton. Stacy is employed at Northeast Lauderdale High School. She and Jake have two sons, Jacob and Joshua. Tracy is employed at Meridian Community College. She and Michael Wayne have two children, Shelby and Benjamin.

Trapp is former business manager at East Central Community College, where he also taught accounting and business law courses. He actually served two stints as business manager, from September 1981 to November 1992, and again from 1997 to 1999, when he retired from fulltime service at the College.

Trapp began his employment at East Central in 1972 as an accounting instructor. He continued teaching while serving as business manager and served as a member of the College's adjunct faculty through the 2001-2002 term, when he "officially" retired from a career in education that spanned approximately 30 years.

In addition to his duties at the College, Trapp maintained a private accounting practice in Decatur for many years.

Trapp received several honors for his service as the College's business manager. The Mississippi Community and Junior College Business Managers' Association recognized the longtime educator with an Outstanding Service Award in 1992, and the College's Board of Trustees commended Trapp in a resolution presented upon his retirement.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Trapp worked in the automobile business. He also served four years in the Air Force and received "Airman of the Month" honors for six consecutive months while stationed at Columbus Air Force Base in the early 1960s.

He is a lifetime member of the ECCC Alumni Association and served on the Decatur Country Club Board of Directors.

A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Trapp is a member of the ECJC Class of 1957. At East Central, he held leadership roles in various campus organizations. He was inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master of professional accountancy degree, both from Mississippi State University where he was tapped for membership in Beta Alpha Psi (Scholastic Accounting Fraternity), Beta Gamma Sigma (Scholastic Business Fraternity) and Phi Kappa Phi (Scholastic Fraternity).

Trapp is married to the former Brenda Kay Ivey of Lake. He has a daughter, Mrs. Jimmy (Tonya) Nowell, a teacher in the Newton County School System. She and

Jim Nabers

Nabers was a standout punter on the 1974 and 1975 Warrior squads, receiving honorable mention All-American, All-State and All-Star honors. He averaged 42.7 yards his freshman season and led the nation with his 44.6 yard-average as a sophomore.

His longest effort traveled 84 yards, and ame on his first punt as a Warrior. He also layed tight end for the Warriors, who were -2 during the '75 campaign. In addition to laying football, Nabers lettered in baseball is freshman season.

Nabers came to East Central from Winston Academy, where he excelled in ootball, basketball, baseball and track. He vas named All-Conference in football and asketball and participated in the Mississippi High School All-Star Football Game.

He was the first signee in the fall of 1975 y the defending national champions Oklahoma Sooners, and later transferred to Mississippi State University where he was a wo-year letterman. He averaged 40 yards er kick in 1979, the second highest average MSU history. Highlights during the sea-on included a 55-yard effort against Louisiana State University and a 54-yarder n the matchup with the University of Florida. He posted the second-best average n the Southeastern Conference that season.

Nabers graduated from MSU in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in marketing, and oon began a successful career in sales and management. He currently serves as territo-y manager for Midland Container Company and is owner of Nabers' Companies and Amusement Companies in Louisville.

Prior to joining Midland Container Corporation, Nabers served as district man-ger for Weyerhaeuser Paper Company and was earlier employed as sales manager for Pepsi Cola Bottling Company.

Nabers is involved in various communi-y activities, and currently serves as co-youth director at First Presbyterian Church in Louisville. He is also chairman of the annual fund drive for the Palmer House, an orphanage in Columbus sponsored by the Presbyterian Churc'.

He is married o the former Charlotte

FREDDIE BAGLEY

Bagley was an All-State quarterback at East Central, where he led the Warriors to successive 7-3 records during the 1970 and 1971 seasons. Team honors he received included his selection as most valuable player and the Andrew F. Webb Award. He was also a two-year letterman in baseball. Other honors he received at East Central included the freshman mathematics award and class favorite.

Bagley was a former standout at Forest High School, where he led the 1969 Bearcats to a 10-0-1 mark and the Little Dixie Conference championship.

He signed a scholarship to play football at Mississippi College, but an injury to his throwing hand ended his career on the gridiron.

Bagley graduated from MC with honors in 1974, and began a brief career as a coach and math teacher, first serving at Warren Central High School and later at Forest High School.

In 1976, he began a new career with Farmers and Merchants Bank in Forest, now known as Community Bank of Forest. Bagley started as a management trainee but quickly climbed the corporate ladder to his current position as President/CEO of Community Bancshares, which includes six banks with over 20 offices throughout Mississippi. The organization has assets in excess of $1 billion.

Although his banking responsibilities keep him frequently on the road, Bagley still finds time to be involved in various civic and community activities.

He is a member and past president of the Forest Booster Club and Forest Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Forest Community Arts and Forest Choral Boosters. He currently serves as treasurer of Forest Friends of the Library. He is also a former member and president of the Forest Lions Club.

Bagley is also a member of Forest United Methodist Church, where he has served as Sunday school teacher for over 25 years in addition to serving in various leadership positions.

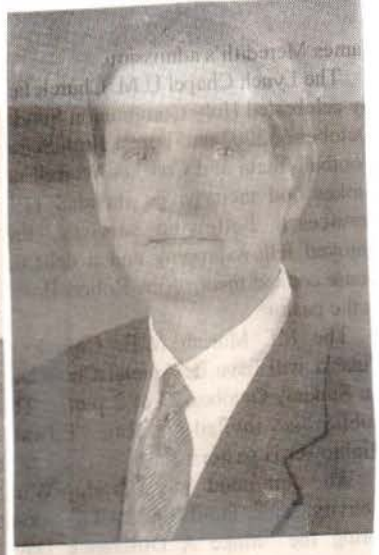
He and former Forest Bearcat teammate Jackie Calhoun are in their fourteenth year as announcers for the "Bag and Jack" show, a rebroadcast of Forest football games shown Saturday mornings on Northland Cable Television.

He is married to the former Mary Lynn Rhodes of Forest, who is also an ECCC alumnus. The have three daughters. Brett is married to Dr. Brad Thompson, an optometrist in Forest, and they have an infant son, Wright Majors Thompson.

Brett is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and is in her third year at the Mississippi College School of Law. Brooke Bagley is a senior music major at Ole Miss. Bethany Bagley is a freshman chemistry major at Mississippi State University.

ROBERT THOMAS

Thomas was an All-American and All-



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He is also involved in numerous community and civic activities. He has served as president of the Neshoba County Bar Association, the Philadelphia Rotary Club, the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Chamber of Commerce, and the Mississippi Municipal Attorneys Association. He is also a deacon at East

Philadelphia Baptist Church and is serving his fourth consecutive term as chairman of the Deacon's Council. He has served as City Attorney for Philadelphia since 1981.

In addition to community activities, Thomas is an active member of the Tennessee Walking Horse Association. In 1994 he served as president of the Mississippi Walking Horse Association and has been a director of the organization since 1990. Since 1994, he has served as a director of the National Walking Horse Association and currently serves on the Executive Committee. He is also president of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and

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LINDA PIERCE

Pierce teaches English and Leadership classes at East Central and serves as Chair of the Communications Division. She was selected the College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day; Working Toward Academic Excellence) instructor in 1995; was chosen in 1997 to attend the annual Lamplighter Program, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors; and participated in the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program in 1997.

She represented East Central as the Outstanding Humanities Instructor at the Natchez Literary Festival in 1998 and also attended the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Seminar in West Cornwell, Connecticut, in 1998. She is past president of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English and is a member of various professional organizations.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty in 1994, Pierce taught at Newton and Newton County high schools. She was selected STAR Teacher on three occasions while teaching on the secondary level. She has also served as a member of the ECCC Adjunct Faculty.

She is a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur, where she has served on numerous committees and currently teaches Sunday school. She has also served two terms on the Decatur Board of Alderman.

She is a 1968 graduate of East Central Junior College and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Southern Mississippi.

In addition, she holds the Educational Specialist degree from Mississippi State University. She has completed additional work at USM, MSU, Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi.

She is married to Billy Pierce, Superintendent of Newton County Schools, and has a son, Wayne Baucum, and a daughter, Cheryl Baucum Amis. Wayne is an engineer for a pipeline company and works on projects throughout the United States. He and his wife, Barbara, have four children, Jon Marie, Sydney, Savanna and Billie. Cheryl is a teacher at Newton County Elementary School.

She and her husband, George, have three children, Colby, Ashley and Jonathan. Mrs. Pierce also has a stepdaughter and two stepsons. Christy Pierce is a registered nurse and works at the Scott County Heath Department.

Jason Pierce works full-time for the Mississippi Army National Guard. Jacob Pierce is a junior at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Linda B. Pierce

Gerald Jordan

GERALD JORDAN

Jordan teaches welding at East Central, where he has been employed since 1998. He is also involved with the College's Skill USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) organization.

Jordan, who previously served the College as a production machine operator instructor through the CETA program, is also a former metal trades instructor at Hinds County Vocational-Technical Center in Raymond. He also has experience as a welder and machinist, having previously been employed at Superior Coach Corporation in Kosciusko.

Among honors he has received include his selection to Who's Who Among American Teachers in 2001-2002.

He is a member of the National Association for Career and Technical Education, the Mississippi Association for Career and Technical Education, the Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association and the ECCC Administration Faculty and Staff Club.

He also holds membership at Sunrise Baptist Church where he has served as Sunday school superintendent and Discipleship Training director.

A graduate of Edinburg High School, Jordan received an associate's degree from East Central Junior College in 1969. He has completed additional studies at Mississippi State University, Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Betty Martin of Edinburg and they have a son, Robert Charles Jordan, and a daughter, Michelle Jordan Smith. Robert is a truck driver for Doug Powers Logging.

He and his wife, Tammy, a student in the ECCC Licensed Practical Nursing Program, live in Carthage with their children, Steven Quick and Courtney Jordan. Michelle is a secretary for the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority. She resides in Carthage with her husband, Marc Smith, owner of Smith House Moving and Portable Buildings.

For more information regarding Homecoming 2002, contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327.

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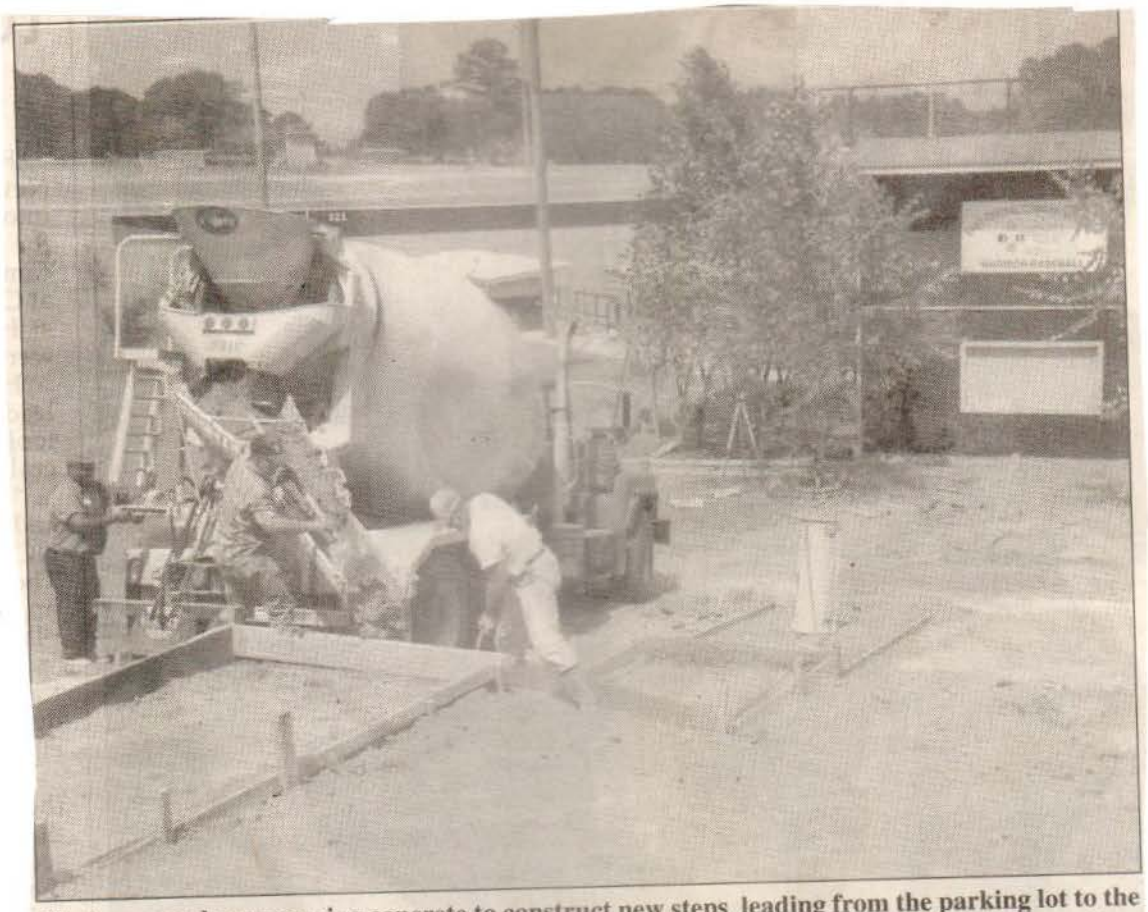

Workers are shown pouring concrete to construct new steps leading from the parking lot to the concession area, one of many renovations planned for Jamie Clark Memorial Baseball Stadium at East Central Community College in Decatur. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Oct 14, 2002

East Central alums to show artwork Oct. 17

The artistic talents of East Central Community College alumnus Jay Murphy of Union will be on display from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, when the annual ECCC Alumni Art Exhibit/Reception is held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus.

The exhibit, held as part of the College's homecoming celebration, features paintings, portraits and computer-generated art by the talented Murphy, a 1990 graduate of Carthage High School who attended ECCC from 1990-92 and was a student of art instructor Bruce Guraedy.

Murphy is employed as an Illustrator/Writer at Taylor Machine Works in Louisville. He is also an ordained minister and serves as pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in the Stephenstown community. He also ministers to prison inmates on a regular basis.

He is married to the former Sherrie Higginbotham of Philadelphia, who is also an ECCC alumnus.

ECCC Art Dept. exhibit set

The East Central Community College Art Department will host a reception and art exhibit Thursday, Oct. 17, 6-9 p.m., in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. Jay Murphy, formerly of Carthage, will be the featured artist and display various forms of his work including paintings, portraits and computer generated art.

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ons Oklahoma Sooners, and later transferred to Mississippi State University where he was a two-year letterman. He averaged 40 yards per kick in 1979, the second highest average in MSU history. Highlights during the season included a 55-yard effort against Louisiana State University and a 54-yarder in the matchup with the University of Florida. He posted the second-best average in the Southeastern Conference that season.

Nabers graduated from MSU in 1978 with a bachelor,s degree in marketing, and soon began a successful career in sales and management. He currently serves as territory manager for Midland Container Company and is owner of Nabers, Companies and Amusement Companies in Louisville.

Prior to joining Midland Container Corporation, Nabers served as district manager for Weyerhaeuser Paper Company and was earlier employed as sales manager for Pepsi Cola Bottling Company.

Nabers is involved in various community activities, and currently serves as co-youth director at First Presbyterian Church in Louisville. He is also chairman of the annual fund drive for the Palmer House, an orphanage in Columbus sponsored by the Presbyterian Church.

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WEEK OF Oct 14, 2002

Former ECCC Diamond Warriors among groups to be honored At Homecoming

From Staff Reports

A reunion of East Central Community College baseball players coached by the late Jamie Clark will be held as part of the College Homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 19. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on the East Mall near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Clark, who led the Diamond Warriors from 1988-2001, lost his battle to cancer in July 2001. His teams amassed an overall 365-301-2 mark, which included a state title in 1998.

Ricky Harrison, ECCC drafting and design technology instructor and longtime friend of Clark, is one of the organizers for the reunion. Harrison said among items planned for discussion at Homecoming will be the need for additional funding to complete the various renovations underway at Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium.

"Thanks to a generous donation from La-Z-Boy South in Newton and contributions from numerous individuals, several improvements have already been made at the stadium, many of which were on Coach Clark dream list," Harrison said.

Recent improvements include the installation of new concrete steps leading from the parking lot to the concession and seating area, and the construction of concrete sidewalks extending from the concession area to each team=92s dugout. In addition, an awning was recently added at the concession area. Construction is currently underway to erect a brick wall around the bottom of the fence extending from dugout to dugout.

Other projects planned include the addition of new vinyl fencing around the backstop, construction of a metal top to cover the grandstand area, and the installation of a new irrigation system. In addition, renovations are planned for the batting stations.

Harrison said contributions for the project should be sent to The Warrior Club, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 30327.

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WEEK OF Oct 28, 2002

East Central diamond alums invited to swing

Former East Central Community College baseball players will have an opportunity to see if they can still "swing the bat" when the first ECCC Baseball Alumni Day is held Saturday, Nov. 9, on the Decatur campus.

Jake Yarborough, Diamond Warrior head coach and event organizer, is encouraging former players to join him for the special day.

"We hope that all former EC players, coaches, managers and trainers can be with us for this occasion. It will be a great opportunity to visit with old friends, recall pleasant memories, and suit up at Chris Gay IV Memorial Field/Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium for a few innings of baseball with former teammates. Wives, children and parents are also invited to attend," said Yarborough, who was a member of the 1991 and 1992 Diamond Warrior squads.

A Home Run Derby at 10 a.m. begins the day's activities. The Alumni game is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. Participants will be treated to a luncheon following the nine-inning contest.

Alumni are also invited to attend the Lady Warrior and Warrior basketball games with East Mississippi at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Women's action begins at 1 p.m. followed by the men's contest at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Coach Yarborough at ECCC, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 374.

His email address is jyarborough@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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ECCC HOMECOMING HONOREES

Pictured are recipients of the annual East Central Community College Alumni Association awards presented during homecoming activities Oct. 19 on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are Albert Harvey Trapp of Newton, alumnus of the year; Imogene Johnson Borganelli of Greenville, alumna of the year; Linda Baucum Pierce of Decatur, academic instructor of the year; and Robert Gerald Jordan of Carthage, vocational-technical instructor of the year. Standing from left are Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Freddie J. Bagley of Forest, James E. "Jim" Nabers of Louisville and Robert L. Thomas of Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF Oct 28, 2002

ECCC Dinner Theater readies for Nov. show

Rehearsals are now underway for the East Central Community College dinner theater production of William Inge's "Bus Stop," which will be presented at 7 p.m. Nov. 21-23 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Tickets are $15 per person.

"Bus Stop" is the story of five people who have to spend the night in a diner outside Kansas City, Kan., during a howling snowstorm. The passengers include a nightclub singer who is being pursued by a love-struck cowboy; a middle-age scholar who comes to terms with himself; the bus driver and the proprietor of the cafe´, who develop a friendship of their own; and a young waitress who gets her first taste of romance. All the characters are looking for something, and it takes a layover at a country diner to find out what.

Members of the cast and crew include Jill Clanton (Cheri) of Lawrence, Leslie Middlebrook (Grace) of Meridian, Laura Shook (Elma) of Newton, Lee Dooley (Bo) of Lake, Josh Hall (Virge) of Morton, Kiel May (Will) of Vicksburg, Joshua Ray (Carl) of Carthage, Adam Huffman (Dr. Lyman) of Philadelphia, assistant director Amanda Sanders of Carthage, prop mistress Heather Neese of Meridian and technical director Casey Smith of Louisville.

ECCC speech instructor George Vaughn serves as production director. Regina Rigby of Forest serves as director.

The menu for each night's production includes barbecue chicken breast, country fried steak, Swedish meatballs, fried mozzarella cheese sticks, Italian green beans, baked beans, creamed potatoes, buttered rolls, chocolate pie/lemon ice box pie/pecan pie, tea and coffee.

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WEEK OF Nov 4, 2002

Scholarship established

A. F. Hollingsworth of Lake is shown presenting a check to East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin to endow The Albert F. and Fannie M. Hollingsworth Scholarship at the College. The scholarship will be awarded to two incoming freshmen from Lake High School who meet the scholarship criteria. Hollingsworth, also shown with his wife, Fannie, and their daughter, Patricia Ann Lowe of Lake, is a longtime member and past Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees. Hollingsworth served 20 years as Scott County Superintendent of Education and is a former principal at Lake High School.

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The Decatur Lions Club recently made donations to the East Central Community College Foundation in memory of Dr. Shelby Harris and Home F. Hunter, both ECCC alumni and longtime members of the Lions Club. Bobby Addy (left) of Decatur made the presentation to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov 4

ECCC Alumni Band

DECATUR--Members of the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Alumni Band who performed during halftime activities of the College's Homecoming win over Hinds Community College included (from left) Ben Boyette of Meridian, William Perkins of Forest, Carrie Massey of Decatur, Craig McRae of Carthage, Richard Burton of Little Rock, Jim Savell of Lake, Kim Griffin Adcock of Pearl, Richard Nance of Louisville and Bill Simkins of Decatur. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov. 4, 2002

Former ECCC classmates reunite

Members of the East Central Community College Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 held their annual reunion during Homecoming activities Saturday, Oct. 19, on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) Eugenia Carleton Baucum of Wiggins, Lois Blount Cooper of Decatur, Jo Ann Aycock Thomas of New Albany, Martha Kate Tullos Hummel of Greenwood and Nancy Peterson Haggard of Clinton; (second row, from left) Lester Baucum of Wiggins, Dorothy Thomas of Philadelphia, and Jeanette Thrash and Sara McGee Moreau, both of Decatur; (third row, from left) Dave McKeehan of Athens, Texas; Mickey Burdette of Lanett, Ala.; Hallie Jean Frazoer Blalock of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Bubba Hudspeth of Louisville; and (top row, from left) Larry Adcock of Lanett, Ala.; and Hank Moreau of Decatur. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF NOV 4, 2002

Observe golden anniversary

Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1952 who attended reunion activities during Homecoming Saturday, October 19, on the Decatur campus were (seated, from left) Jane Johnson Williams of Walnut Grove, Wanda Vance Richmond of Pensacola, Fla.; Marie Barrett Reeves of Polk City, Fla.; LaFaye Newsome Culpepper and Nancy Walton Thomas, both of Carthage; and Sara Craft Griffin of Decatur; and (standing, from left) Thomas McCann of Monroe, La., who was an instructor at the college in 1942; Jimmy Mangrum of Decatur, Johnnie Lou Sharp Henley of Philadelphia, William E. "Bill" Davis of Jackson, Shelby Williamson of Philadelphia, Dolphus Williamson of Laurel, Carl C. Durr of Florence, Bill Emmons of Edwardsville, Ind.; and Randolph Richmond of Pensacola, Fla. Also pictured is College president Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov 11, 2002

ECCC employee wins regional honor

Vance

Mickey Vance, vice president for business operations at East Central Community College in Decatur, was recently named "outstanding chief business officer for Region IX," which includes Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Vance, an ECCC staff member since 1992, receives the honor officially at the Community College Business Officers Annual conference on Nov. 12 in San Diego, Calif.

As a regional winner, he also qualifies for the overall "outstanding chief business officer award," which carries a $1,000 scholarship to be pre-

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sented to the overall winner's college in his or her name.

A representative of the Community College Business Officer Awards Committee, located in Charlottesville, Va., notified Vance of his selection. In making the announcement, the spokesman said the honor "reflects the contributions that Vance has made to his institution and to the community."

Business officers at the state's community and junior colleges nominated Vance for the award.

A Newton native, Vance has served as ECCC's chief financial officer since 1992. He is a graduate of Newton County Academy, ECCC and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in professional accountancy.

He is married to the former Natalie Dunn of Natchez and they have two children, Jordan and Savannah.

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WEEK OF Dec 4

Observe 30th Class Reunion

Representing the East Central Community College Class of 1972 during reunion activities held during Homecoming Saturday, October 19, on the Decatur campus were (from left) Dwight Rigdon of Brandon, Mike Anderson of Decatur, Mary Lynn Rhodes Bagley and Freddie J. Bagley, both of Forest; and Cheryl Hatch Parkes of Philadelphia. Also pictured is College president Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 4

ECCC Class of 1982

Representing the East Central Community College Class of 1982 during Homecoming reunion activities held Saturday, October 19, on the Decatur campus were (from left) Terri Russell of Brimingham, Ala.; Ginnie Henley Barker of Philadelphia, Tammy Barham of Decatur and Mev Knight Thrash of Meridian. Also pictured is College president Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 9

40th Class Reunion Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1962 who attended reunion activities held during Homecoming Saturday, October 19, on the Decatur campus were (seated, from left) Max McLelland and Ann Evans McLelland, both of Prattville, Ala.; Amanda Anderson Lovorn of Louisville, Renee Nickell Guthrie of Union Springs, Ala.; Brenda Waggoner Kirby of Forest, June Whatley Depriest and Joe Depriest, both of Clinton; and Rodney Bounds of Newton; and (standing, from left) Bobby Thames of Montevall, Ala.; Richard Rivers of Union, Stan Starr of Graham, NC; Fred Kirkland of, Philadelphia, Jimmy Sildey of Newton, Jerry Webb of Meridian, Robert Thomas of Philadelphia and Roger Burkes of Decatur. Also pictured is College president Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. *(EC Photo)*

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WEEK OF Dec 16

ECCC Dean, Advisor Honored

Top honors were presented to representatives of East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program at the annual Mississippi Association of Student Nurses Convention held recently on the Gulf Coast. Dana Dear, left, ADN instructor who serves as an advisor to the Association of Student Nurses at East Central (ASNEC), was named "Advisor of the Year,"

and Melanie Gilmore, dean of the College's Associate Degree Nursing Program, was chosen "Dean of the Year." Dear also received a "Celebrating Nursing Award" presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association. The award recipients were honored with a reception given by students enrolled in the College's Associate Degree Nursing program. *(EC Photo)*

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WEEK OF Dec 23

Workforce council

Bridgitte Ballard (center) of Forest was recently welcomed as the newest member of East Central Community College's District Workforce Council, which is composed of community, business and industry representatives who serve the College in an advisory role. Ballard, who serves as recruiting/training coordinator at Raytheon System Company in Forest, is shown with Roger Whitlock (left), director of the College¹s Workforce Development Center and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. She was recognized at the Council's quarterly meeting held at the College¹s Productivity Enhancement Center located at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center.

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WEEK OF Dec 30

Council officers

Leaders for the East Central Community College President's Council were recently selected for the 2002-03 College term. Seated from left are Chris Carson, vice president, of Decatur; Charles Wood, president, of Louisville; and Natalie Duncan, secretary, of Lake. Standing from left are Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC President. The Presidents Council is composed of representatives of various campus organizations. Its purpose is to maintain communications between the student organizations and the President's Office.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Meridian's Knighten signs scholarship with UT-Martin

By Jeff Byrd/The Meridian Star
Dec. 20, 2001

East Central Community College tight end Frederick Knighten signed a football scholarship on Wednesday with the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The Division I-AA Skyhawks are coached by former Meridian Wildcat football player and Livingston (West Alabama) University head coach Sam McCorkle. They play in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Knighten, a Meridian High School product, helped pace the coach Terry Underwood's ECCC Warriors to consecutive 6-4 seasons.

Following an injury plagued freshmen season, Knighten (6-1, 245) started all 10 games for the Warriors in the 2001 season. East Central placed second in the Mississippi Junior College South Division and advanced to the playoffs against Mississippi Delta.

Knighten says he is excited about the opportunity to continue his education and play football at the senior college level.

"There were some good people up at Tennessee-Martin. Not only is it a good academic school but is also in a great environment," Knighten said.

"Coach McCorkle is a really good coach and he played here at Meridian High School," Knighten added. "He just finished his second year at UT-Martin and he wants to win."

McCorkle coached at Livingston, now West Alabama, back in the early 1990s. He then spent four seasons as the offensive coordinator at Mississippi Delta.

Knighten credited ECCC Coach Terry Underwood and his staff for preparing him for the next level.

"I learned about toughness and discipline from coach Underwood. I think it prepared me well to go to a four-year school," Knighten said.

Knighten is the son of Rosie Knighten of Meridian. While she is concerned about the long distance her son will be away, she is pleased with the choice.

"He is going pretty far, but this will be good for him," said Rosie Knighten. "My prayer was for the Lord to take him to where He wants and Martin called."

Knighten did his part by hitting the books hard at East Central. He earned his associate degree this month and is now eligible to enter UT-Martin in January.

"I will be able to go right into spring practice," said Knighten who plans to get a degree in athletic training.

At Martin, Knighten is expected to be a part of an option-based, two-tight end offense.

"It's an option-based offense with a lot of two tight ends. I think they really liked how I blocked. I like doing both blocking and catching the ball," he said.

UT-Martin finished 1-10 in 2001.

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LOCAL SPORTS

East Central CC lineman named league's best

From Staff Reports
Dec. 11, 2001

East Central's Jerry Spencer heads up area players named to the MACJC all-state football team as he was chosen Offensive Line Most Valuable Player.

Spencer is a 6-foot-4, 315-pound sophomore from North Moore High School in Eagle Springs, N.C.

First-team selections from state champion Jones are running back Ralph Davis (6-1, 210), kicker Nickolas Terracina (5-9, 160), defensive lineman Fred Blueford (6-5, 265), linebacker Josh Tate (6-0, 235), and defensive back David Scott (6-1, 180).

First teamers from state semifinalist East Central are Spencer, wide receiver Dontay Spillman (6-2, 195), running back Patrick Prince (5-9, 197), linebacker John Bibb (5-11, 225), and defensive back Cedric Cotton (6-1, 220).

East Mississippi had no first-team selections.

Second teamers from Jones are offensive lineman Darius Livingston (6-4, 295), wide receiver Alonzo Nix (5-11, 175), quarterback Charles Hales (6-1, 190), linebacker Nate Hardage (6-2, 240), and defensive back Chris Swain (6-0, 190). Terracina also made the second team as punter.

Making the second team from East Central are offensive lineman Kenneth Hurt (6-5, 310), quarterback Brian Zbydniewski (6-3, 190), and defensive lineman Keith Curry (6-3, 225).

Named to the second team from East Mississippi are wide receiver Michael Johnson (5-11, 170), guard Gene Perry (6-3, 290), running back David Yeates (5-9, 183), defensive lineman Joe Knox (6-1, 314), linebacker Kenneth Hollis (6-2, 230), and defensive back Pete Malone (5-11, 165).

— Marty Stamper

Lady Tigers proud of Horner

The Southeast Lady Tigers have one of their own playing at a higher level. Last season's leader, Monique Horner, has stepped up into the

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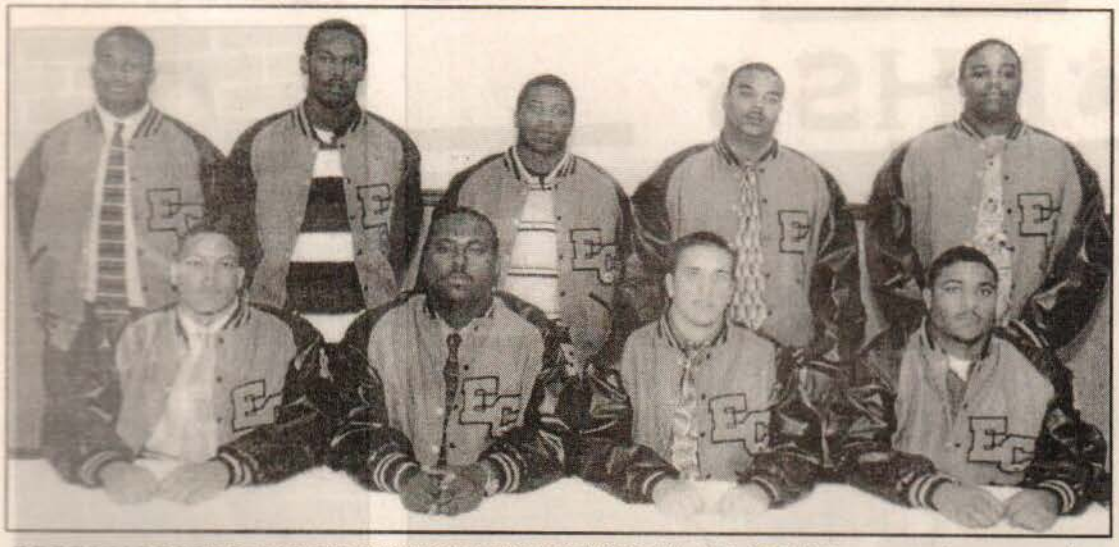

ECCC WARRIORS NAMED HONORABLE MENTION ALL-STATE - were above members of the 2001 East Central Community College football team. Seated from left - wide receiver Dee Hornesbuger of Noxapater, running back Chad Warren of Quitman, linebacker Stacey Lewis of Neshoba Central, running back Terrance DeGraffenried of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central and defensive back Marco Cole of Neshoba Central. Second row from left are defensive lineman Arrion Triplett of Louisville, running back Ramon Williams of Daphne, Alabama; offensive lineman Robert Finch of Louisville, linebacker Melvin Cotton of Holt (Ala.) High School and defensive back Josh Chaney of Newton County High School. Third row from left are defensive lineman Johnny Jackson of Aliceville (Ala.) High School, offensive lineman Chad Crowe of Leake Academy, tight end Brian Lillis of Neshoba Central, and offensive linemen Cedric McAfee of Philadelphia and Rudy Su'e of Escambia High School in Pensacola, Fla. Not pictured are tight end Fredrick Knighten of Meridian, offensive lineman Damarcus Granger of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School, wide receiver Marcus Lee and defensive lineman Michael Wells, both of Forest; defensive lineman Jon Gusman of Newton County High School, defensive back Buck Thames of Philadelphia, kicker Danny Haynes of Brooks High School, Killen, Ala.; defensive lineman Howard Jackson of Scott Central; linebacker John Hope of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County and defensive back Chris Hooper of North Springs High School in Atlanta, Georgia. East Central posted a 6-3 regular season mark and finished second in the South Division with a 4-2 record. The Warriors advanced to the state playoffs where they fell to Mississippi Delta Community College.

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ECCC FOOTBALL TEAM AWARD WINNERS - Above are members of the 2001 East Central Community College football team who received various team honors presented at the annual awards banquet held on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are linebacker John Bibb of Tuscaloosa (Alabama) Central High School, permanent team captain (defense); offensive lineman Jerry Spencer of North Moore High School in Eagle Springs, North Carolina, most valuable offensive lineman; wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Valley High School in Louisville, Kentucky, most valuable offensive back; running back Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa (Alabama)county High School, most valuable player; and Darrius "Buck" Thames of Philadelphia, Kemba Bryant - Most Valuable Defensive Back; Standing from left are running back Chad Warren of Quitman, co-recipient of the "Warrior Award", defensive lineman Keith Curry of Newton County High School, co-recipient of the most valuable defensive lineman award; quarterback Brian Zbydniewski of Choctawhatchee High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, permanent team captain (offense); defensive lineman Courtney Steele of Tuscaloosa (Alabama) County High School, co-recipient of the most valuable defensive lineman award; and defensive back Josh Chaney of Newton County High School, Academic Award and co-recipient of the "Warrior Award." East Central posted a 6-3 regular season mark and finished second in the South Division with a 4-2 mark. the Warriors advanced to the state playoffs where they fell to Mississippi Delta Community College in semi-final action. (EC Photo)

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Selected honorable mention All-State were the above members of the 2001 East Central Community College football team. Seated from left are wide receiver Dee Hornesbuger of Noxapater, running back Chad Warren of Quitman, linebacker Stacey Lewis of Neshoba Central, running back Terrance DeGraffenried of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central and defensive back Marco Cole of Neshoba Central. Second row from left are defensive lineman Arrion Triplett of Louisville, running back Ramon Williams of Daphne, Ala., offensive lineman Robert Finch of Louisville, linebacker Melvin Cotton of Holt (Ala.) High School and defensive back Josh Chaney of Newton County High School. Third row from left are defensive lineman Johnny Jackson of Aliceville (Ala.) High School, offensive lineman Chad Crowe of Leake Academy, tight end Brian Lillis of Neshoba Central, and offensive linemen Cedric McAfee of Philadelphia and Rudy Su'e of Escambia High School in Pensacola, Fla. Not pictured are tight end Fredrick Knighten of Meridian, offensive lineman Damarcus Granger of Tusacloosa (Ala.) County High School, wide receiver Marcus Lee and defensive lineman Michael Wells, both of Forest, defensive lineman Jon Gusman of Newton County High School, defensive back Buck Thames of Philadelphia, kicker Danny Haynes of Brooks High School, Killen, Ala., defensive lineman Howard Jackson of Scott Central, linebacker John Hope of Tusacaloosa (Ala.) County and defensive back Chris Hooper of North Springs High School in Atlanta, Ga. East Central posted a 6-3 regular season mark and finished second in the South Division with a 4-2 record. The Warriors advanced to the state playoffs, where they fell to Mississippi Delta Community College in semifinal action.

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Warrior gridders ink with four-year schools

Several members of the 2001 East Central Community College football team received scholarships at mid-year and have transferred to their respective four-year colleges and universities, announced Warrior head coach Terry Underwood.

Signees include the following:

Jerry Spencer, a 6-foot-4, 300-pound offensive lineman who now attends the University of Louisville. Spencer, a product of North Moore High School in Eagle Springs, N.C., was named a third-team *JC Grid-Wire* All-American, first-team All-Region 23, All-State, and was selected the South Division's most valuable offensive lineman.

He was chosen an All-Star and helped lead the South to a 16-14 win over the North in the annual matchup held at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

In addition, Spencer was selected the Warriors' most valuable offensive lineman. Spencer also played a key role in East Central completing the 2001 campaign as the state's second-best rushing offense, averaging 211.4 yards per contest.

Chris Hooper, a 6-foot-4, 215-pound free safety, has signed with Central Missouri State University. Hooper, a product of North Springs High School in Atlanta, Ga., was chosen honorable mention All-State. He was credited with 42 tackles, 14 assists and two interceptions during the 2001 season.

John Bibb, a 6-foot, 220-pound linebacker, is now with Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Okla. Bibb, a product of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central High School, was selected an honorable mention *JC Grid-Wire* All-American and first team All-State.

He was also chosen the Warriors' defensive team captain. Bibb had 46 tackles, 22 assists, two quarterback sacks and two fumble recoveries during the 2001 season.

Marco Cole, a 6-foot-1, 180-pound defensive back who signed with Harding (Ark.) University. Cole, a product of Neshoba Central High School, was selected honorable mention All-State. Cole completed the 2001 campaign with 26 tackles, 12 assists, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

Darrius "Buck" Thames, a 5-foot-11, 175-pound defensive back who also signed at Harding University. Thames, a product of Philadelphia High School, was chosen honorable mention All-State. He was credited with 27 tackles, eight assists, five interceptions and one fumble recovery during the 2001 season.

Fredrick Knighten, a 6-foot-2, 240-pound tight end who is now attending the University of Tennessee at Martin. Knighten, a product of Meridian High School, was an honorable mention All-State selection. A two-year starter, Knighten was also instrumental in the Warriors' success on offense.

Jon Gusman, a 6-foot-4, 255-pound defensive lineman who has transferred to Illinois State University. Gusman, a product of Newton County High School, was named honorable mention All-State. He had 24 tackles and 20 assists during 2001.

Melvin Cotton, a 6-foot, 220-pound linebacker who signed with the University of West Alabama. Cotton, a product of Holt (Ala.) High School, was named honorable mention All-State. He was credited with 42 tackles, 21 assists, two interceptions, one fumble recovery and one quarterback sack.

Coach Underwood, who led the Warriors to a 6-4 record and a berth in the state playoffs, said the signees "meant a lot to our program and I wish for them the very best as they continue their education and athletic careers."

Underwood said he anticipates the signing of additional former team members during the 2001 spring term.

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Chaney named Academic All-American

East Central Community College defensive back Josh Chaney of Little Rock has been named to the J.C. Grid-Wire 2001 Scholar/Athlete Junior College All-American Team. Chaney, a product of Newton County High School, is shown receiving the award from Warriors' head football coach Terry Underwood. Chaney, who has a 3.9 grade point average, earlier received the team's academic award and was a co-recipient of the Warrior Award. He was also selected honorable mention All-State and helped lead EC to a 6-4 mark and a berth in the state playoffs. Chaney is the son of Rickey and Brenda Chaney. (EC Photo)

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Hornsby.

The Warriors also got 12 points from James Denson, 10 from Winfred Craig, and nine from Maurice English.

Jones led 26-20 at halftime.

• **Pearl River women 77, EC 75:** The Lady Warriors saw a 13-point lead evaporate over the final 8:49 as they dropped Thursday's division contest at Decatur.

EC took a 35-34 lead into halftime on a basket by Nikki LaCour three seconds before intermission.

The Lady Warriors led 61-48 with 8:49 to play before four consecutive turnovers opened the door for Pearl River's comeback.

LaCour led EC, 8-6 overall and 2-3 in the division, with 22 points. Christina Ford scored 18, Lori Cumberland had 12, Shelly Giddings tossed in nine, and Ashley Brown had six.

Pearl River, 10-3, got 21 points from Audosha Kelly and 20 from Jessica Welborne.

• **EC men 94, Pearl River 81:** The Warriors snapped a five-game losing streak with Thursday's win at Decatur.

EC led 48-33 at halftime in upping its overall record to 5-9 and its South Division mark to 1-4.

The Warriors got 28 points from Corey Hornsby and 24 from Winfred Craig. Hornsby hit four 3-pointers with Craig connecting on six. EC also got 17 points from James Denson and eight from Kevin Bobbitt.

Pearl River dropped to 6-7.

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East Cent. signs pair of Tigers

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, East Central Community College inked 15 football players, including a pair of standouts from Carthage High School.

Chris Hamm and Raymond Youngblood signed letters-of-intent with the ECCC Warriors on National Signing Day.

Youngblood recorded his second consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season in 2001 with 1,035 yards on 209 attempts.

He also added 10 rushing touchdowns and 23 receptions for 304 yards and recorded 23 tackles on defense.

Youngblood was a three-year starter at halfback for the Carthage Tigers, who reached the playoffs for the first time in 10 years during Youngblood's senior season.

Hamm anchored the Tigers offensive line and was the team's leading tackler with 61.

Both Youngblood and Hamm were All-State Class 3A selections and all Division 5-3A players during their senior seasons.

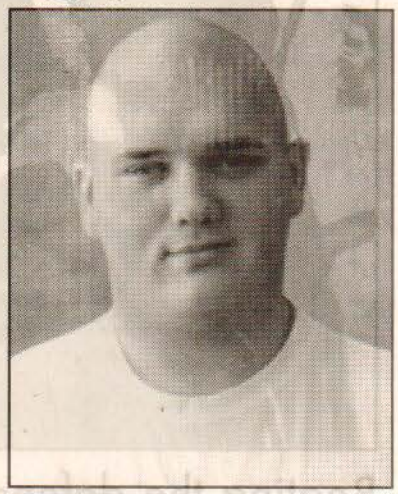
Both Hamm and Youngblood were also members of Carthage's Class 3A state champion track team last year.

East Central listed Youngblood as a 6'1", 180, running back/defensive back and Hamm as a 6'2", 280, offensive lineman.

East Central also signed Clevester McKee of Scott Central, who missed most of his senior season due to a knee injury. He did play in the Rebels' final four games, including a pair of playoff games.

East Central listed McKee was a 6', 185, linebacker.

In related news, former Leake Academy standout Chad



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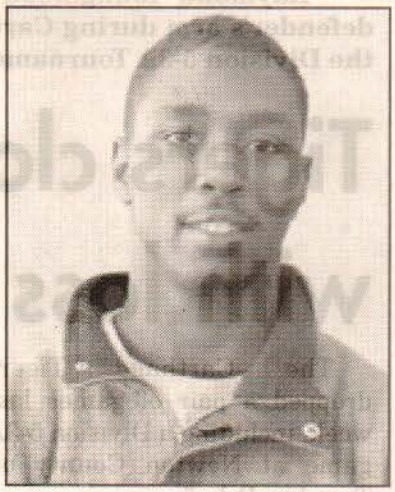

YOUNGBLOOD

College last week.

Crowe was a two-year starter at LA on both the offensive and defensive line and played two years at East Central, before moving on to Mississippi College.

East Central also signed Martez Hopkins, Rhyne Thompson and Leron Yarbrough of Louisville; Marcus Cleveland of Morton; Bobby Lindsey and Michael Wright of Newton; Kenshay Hunter, Cedric Love, Curtis Spivey and Blake Peebles, all of Philadelphia; Chungkil Page of Tuscaloosa County; and Van

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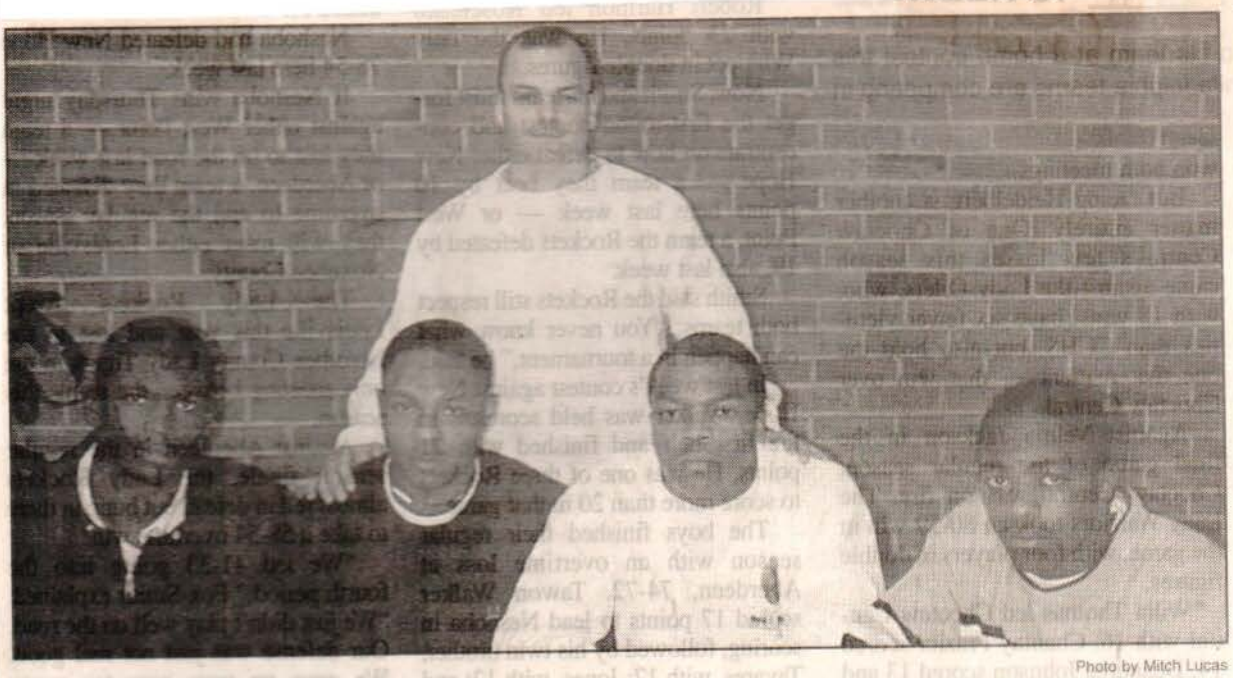

Photo by Mitch Lucas

Sitting, from left: Blake Peebles, Kenshay Hunter, Curtis Spivey and Cedric Love, all former PHS stars, will play football for East Central in 2002. Standing is coach Marcus Wood.

Four Philly players sign with East Central

By MITCH LUCAS
Sports Writer

National Signing Day didn't come and go in Neshoba County and the surrounding area without a few Philadelphians inking their names on the dotted lines.

Just a day after Neshoba Central High School kicker Scott Shurden confirmed he would spend his next four years with the Mississippi State University Bulldogs, four standouts from Philadelphia High School signed to stay closer to home and play for East Central Community College.

Choctaw Central High School and Leake Academy each had no one to sign to continue their football careers last week, although some announcements are expected.

Running back-defensive back Kenshay Hunter, running back and all-purpose player Cedric Love, defensive lineman Curtis Spivey and defensive back Blake Peebles will all join the ECCC Warriors' roster. Each of the four was a member of The Neshoba Democrat's All-Area team.

PHS head football coach Marcus Wood said EC just strengthened its team.

"They got some good ones today," Wood said, Wednesday.

JUCO FOOTBALL

Hunter, 19, was the unanimous choice for The Neshoba Democrat's Offensive Player of the Year. Hunter (5-10, 160) accounted for 1,447 total yards and helped lead the Tornadoes to a 7-5 record and a playoff trip in their first season under the 3A classification.

Hunter rushed for 1,230 yards on 125 carries, a 9.85-yard-per-carry average. He scored 13 rushing touchdowns, and caught four passes for 46 yards and a touchdown over the course of the season.

He showed he could pass the ball as well, completing 2-of-3 passes for 18 yards and a touchdown to junior quarterback Tyler Threadgill.

But the Warriors will also take a look at Hunter on the defensive side of the ball. In fact, he said he's been working out as a defensive back. He grabbed two interceptions for the Tornadoes in 2001.

"The biggest and best thing about Kenshay is his overall athletic ability," said Wood, who completed his first year as the Tornadoes' head coach in '01. "He's one of the hardest-working people you'll ever see. But the speed and ath-

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leticism are there. His leadership is obvious in practice and off the field. The one compliment I think I can say about Kenshay is that he could play any position out there. I believe that."

Hunter's two interceptions tied him with Threadgill for second on the team last year. Who was first? Peebles (5-11, 160), with four interceptions. East Central's coaching staff has told Peebles they will keep him at defensive back, if not cornerback, a good move, according to Wood.

"Blake is a pure defensive back," said Wood, of the player whose goal-line stand tackle in the playoffs kept Philadelphia around to live another day.

Peebles made 45 solo tackles and contributed on 74 total stops this season, but none was bigger than a tackle Peebles made in early November, the biggest tackle — so far — of his football career.

It was Nov. 9, the first round of the Class 3A playoffs, and the host Tornadoes were leading Velma Jackson 35-28, in the waning moments of the game.

On fourth down at the Philadelphia 7-yard-line, with the season in the balance, 18-year-old Peebles made the game-winning tackle, a touchdown-saving tackle, on Velma Jackson running back Eugene Lockett with 19 seconds left.

"There's something about Blake," Wood said. "I can't quite put my finger on it. But there's something very, very special there. He has a knack for being right in the middle, for being at the right place at the right time. He just makes plays, plain and simple."

Taking a page from the Pittsburg Steelers' all-purpose man Kordell Stewart, Love, 19, was the Tornadoes' version of "Slash," who may also see time in the ECCC secondary.

"He started at defensive back," Wood explained, "he played some strong safety, and played a key role as an extra running back. He did a great job for us this year. He's extremely underrated."

Love (5-9, 160) even caught passes for the Tornadoes. He grabbed two passes for 73 yards and a touchdown, and the passes were big plays — he averaged 36.5 yards per catch.

Love rolled up 492 yards rushing on 67 carries and scored five touchdowns in the course of the season and had nine kickoff returns for 278 yards, including a 97-yarder, for an average of 30.8 yards per return.

Showing his as-advertised versatility, Love was fifth on the team with 75 total tackles.

Spivey (6-0, 220), 17, a nose guard, made a run at The Neshoba Democrat's Defensive Player of the Year award in December, leading Philly with 117 total tackles, 85 solo. He recorded six sacks to lead the team in that category, caused six fumbles and had two fumble recoveries.

"He's very aggressive," said Wood, of Spivey. "He's very strong. He's got a great work ethic. He doesn't back down from a challenge, at all. If you're picking a defensive player, you want as many of them as you can to be just like Curtis Spivey."

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LHS has four sign letters

Photo by Paul Keane

Martez Hopkins signs to play football with ECCC while his aunt, Janice Hopkins, and LHS head football coach Tony Stanford look on Wednesday.

Photo by Paul Keane

Rhyne Thompson signs to play football at ECCC while LHS head coach Tony Stanford, and Thompson's mother and father, David Thompson and Kathy Jones, look on Wednesday.

Photo by Paul Keane

Leron Yarbrough signs to play football at ECCC while his father, Charles Yarbrough, and LHS head coach Tony Stanford look on Wednesday.

Photo by Paul Keane

Davis carter signs a letter of intent with ECCC and North Alabama Wednesday while his mother, Annie Carter, and LHS head football coach Tony Stanford look on.

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WEEK OF 11 Feb 02

ECCC signs Alabama lineman

DECATUR — A highly touted defensive lineman from Alabama has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College, announced Terry Underwood, Warrior head football coach.

Underwood said Henry Smith, a 6-foot-4, 300-pound defender from Aliceville (Ala.) High School, inked with the Warriors on Friday. Smith, an first team All-State performer, was named the top defensive lineman in Alabama for the 2001 season.

The ECCC head mentor was obviously pleased to sign the defensive standout who was tapped by the University of Alabama but was academically ineligible.

"Henry is the best defensive lineman I've seen since Kendrick Clancy, who played here a few years ago and is now with the Pittsburgh Steelers," Underwood said. "Henry has the potential to be as good as Clancy. We look forward to having Henry on our squad."

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WEEK OF 4 Mar 02

EC concludes Spring with win

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East Central's final points came on a 17-yard run by quarterback Kevin Stevens.

Osley added the PAT. Stevens' touchdown was set up by Robinson's 53-yard gainer.

The Lions scored late on a two-yard run.

Terry Underwood, ECCC head coach, said he was pleased with the Warriors' effort.

"The spring game was a good experience for both teams, as it provided an opportunity for players to block and tackle someone other than their teammates for a change. We did a lot of good things, and obviously there are some areas where we need to improve. Overall, it was a great feeling to end spring training on a positive note. I certainly appreciate Coach (Tom) Goode and his staff for bringing their players to Decatur and participating in our spring game."

The Warriors begin the 2002 campaign by hosting Holmes Community College on Thursday, Sept. 5. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium.

ECCC honors chapter wins top honors

East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, received top honors at the organization's Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Convention in Vicksburg.

Theta Xi was presented the Most Outstanding Chapter Award and also received the Leadership Hallmark Award.

Ann Burkes of Decatur, former ECCC head librarian and Chapter advisor, was recognized as the Outstanding Alumna for 2002.

Sophomore Lana Rogers of Carthage was inducted into the Order of the Golden Key.

In addition, the ECCC chapter was elected to serve the region as president for 2002-03.

Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson serve as Theta Xi advisors.

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ECCC ladies ousted in semis

From special reports

A 16-point halftime deficit was too much to overcome for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors who fell 62-53 to the Southwest Mississippi Community College women last week in semi-final action of the MACJC Tournament being held at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

The Lady Warriors, 14-10, were led by Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches (La.) Central, who had 18 points. Also scoring were Ashley Brown of Scott Central, eight; Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater; seven; Shaneka Cistrunk of Louisville, six; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, five; and Shelly Giddings of Universal (PA) City, Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, Tamekia Foley of Newton County and Christina Ford of Enterprise, two each. Patsy McKee of Forest also saw action in the Wednesday contest.

JUNIOR COLLEGE SPORTS

Natasha Booth of Tylertown had 20 points to lead the Lady Bears, who held a 36-18 advantage over East Central at halftime. Southwest advanced to the title game where they lost 70-65 to Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

• **East Central 70, Northeast 67**: Lori Cumberland's three-point shot with just over a minute remaining and a pair of free throws from Shelly Giddings in the game's final seconds gave East Central an upset win over Northeast Mississippi Community College, the top-seeded women's team from the North Division.

East Central, the number-four seed from the South, was led by LaCour's 22 points. Cumberland and Ford had 12 points each. Also scoring were Brown and Foley, eight each; Giddings and Cistrunk, four each.

Susan Spencer had 19 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Warriors led 40-30 at the break.

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lected three RBIs. April Bufkin of Newton County picked up the win and also went three-for-four at the plate. In addition, Bufkin scored one run and had four RBIs.

East Central was scheduled to host Hinds Community College yesterday afternoon and will entertain Mississippi Delta on Thursday. Double-header action gets underway at 1:30 p.m.

The Lady Warriors resume play following spring break by hosting Southwest Mississippi Community College at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19.

Mike Anderson serves as head coach.

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Softball

Fast-pitch softball competition is off to a fast start for East Central Community College's Lady Diamond Warriors who swept a double-header from Mississippi Delta Community College Thursday afternoon and improved to 7-1 for the 2002 campaign.

Sommer Averett of Union was three-for-four and scored two runs in leading East Central to a 5-3 decision in the first contest. Rhonda Mann of Philadelphia also scored a pair of runs. Emily Casey of Union was the winning pitcher.

In the second game, EC cruised to a 15-3 victory. Anna Moore of Pearl led the Lady Warriors' offensive attack, as she went three-for-three and scored two runs. She also col-

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ECCC Warriors Receiving Scholarships

These members of the 2001 East Central Community College football team signed national letters of intent to con- e their athletic careers at various four year colleges and universities. The standout athletes were recognized at a eption held on National Signing Day (February 6) in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Signees l their respective colleges include (seated from left) defensive back Cedric Cotton of Newton County High School, ithwest Missouri State University; defensive end Keith Curry of NCHS, Nicholls State; fullback Terrance graffenried of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, Tuskegee University; kicker Danny Haynes of Killen, Ala., University of mphis; and offensive lineman Kenneth Hurt of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, Florida A&M University. Standing from are linebacker Howard Jackson of Scott Central, Belhaven College; running back/wide receiver Marcus Lee of est, Belhaven College; defensive lineman Johnny Jackson of Aliceville, Ala., Troy State University; wide receiver ntay Spillman of Louisville, Kentucky, University of Louisville; running back Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) unty, University of West Georgia; and fullback Chad Warren of Quitman, Alcorn State University. Not pictured linebacker Dwight Agee of Collins, Belhaven College; offensive lineman Chad Crowe of Leake Academy and ensive back Josh Chaney of Newton County High School, who both signed with Mississippi College; and offen- lineman Cedric McAffee of Philadelphia, Tuskegee University.

Lady Diamond Warriors Improve

To 11-1 Following Sweep Of Delta East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team cruised to a double-header sweep of visiting Mississippi Delta Thursday afternoon and improved to 11-1 for the 2002 campaign.

The Lady Diamond Warriors exploded for 12 runs - including back-to-back homers by Anna Moore of Pearl and April Bufkin of Newton County- in the first inning of game one en route to a 20-2 thrashing over the Lady Trojans.

Moore and Bufkin also had singles each and scored twice in the non-division matchup, which was called after five innings. Other top sluggers were Rhonda Munn of Philadelphia and Sommer Averett of Union, with two singles each and two runs scored. Emily Casey of Union picked up her sixth win on the mound.

In the second game- a 14-5 decision - Munn and Averett led the offensive

attack as they went three-for-four and scored three runs each. Paige Posey of Philadelphia went three-for-three with two RBIs and two runs scored. Casey went one-for-three with one run scored and four RBIs. Bufkin earned the win for East Central, as she improved to 5-1.

East Central returns to action March 19 against Southwest Mississippi Community College at 1:30 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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East Central Comm. College Sports Calendar

Sport	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Baseball	April 6	Gulf Coast (DH)	Home	1:00
Softball	April 6	Hinds (DH)	Away	11:00
Baseball	April 9	Pearl River (DH)	Home	2:00
Softball	April 9	Meridian (DH)	Home	2:30
Tennis	April 9	Itawamba	MUW	1:30
Golf	April 9	Copiah-Lincoln Tourn.	Wesson	TBA

WEEK OF April 9

ECCC adds seven football signees for '02

East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood has announced the signing of seven additional players for the 2002 season.

At the top of the list is Titus Ryan, a 6-foot-2, 200-pound running back/wide receiver from Tuscaloosa County, Ala. Ryan rushed for over 1,450 yards last season, averaging 10 yards per carry. He also had 500 yards receiving and returned three punts for touchdowns.

The speedster has the fastest recorded time (10.5) in Alabama for the 100-meters.

Other high school standouts joining the Warriors are running back Kentay Eiland (6-foot, 200), fullback Horace Glenn (5-11, 215) and defensive back Ken Shields (6-2, 180), all of Louisville; defensive back/wide receiver Mario White (5-10, 180) and linebacker/running back Derek Carter (5-9, 190), both of Noxapater; and kicker/punter Jacob Swayze (6-foot, 200) of Olive Branch.

Swayze connected on two 47-yard field goals and one from 45 yards out.

Regarding the new Warriors, Coach Underwood said, "All are quality people and quality players. We're excited to have them as part of our program."

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ECCC Signs NEL Pair

Northeast Lauderdale High School basketball standouts Jamaal Martin (seated at left) and Stephen Dyess are shown signing national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at East Central Community College in Decatur. Martin averaged 19.8 points, four assists and three steals this past season. He also led the team with 69 three-point field goals. He was named to the All-District team and was selected Northeast Lauderdale's Most Valuable Player. Martin will participate in the Mississippi All-Star Game this summer. Dyess scored 12 points per game and averaged seven rebounds, five assists and four steals. He was selected All-District. In addition, he was chosen team captain and received the Trojan Award for two consecutive years. He was also selected most athletic. Pictured with the new Warriors at a signing ceremony held at ECCC are, standing from left, ECCC men's head basketball coach Billy Smith; Steve and Kathy Dyess, Stephen and Kathy Dyess, Stephen's parents; Lewis Lightsey, Northeast's boy's basketball coach; and Shane Eck, ECCC men's assistant coach.

DECATUR — East Central Community College will present the Ac'cents Spring Concert on April 30, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. Ac'cents is ECCC's show choir. There is no charge for admission to the concert.

ECCC soccer team announces 5 signees

By Jeff Byrd
staff writer

JUCO SOCCER

The East Central Community College men's soccer team announced five signees for the upcoming season.

Two of the signees come from Northeast Lauderdale High School in Jay Jacobs and Chris Stevens. They join Newton County's Mark Walker, Olive Branch's Jacob Swayze and Rickie Archuleta from Richland.

Jacobs (5-10, 175) played a defender role for Northeast. He has played soccer for 13 years on various Meridian Youth Soccer Organization. He also participated in the State Games, He is the son of Jodie and Janice Jacobs of Meridian.

Stevens (5-5, 145) also played a defender at Northeast Lauderdale. He played five seasons for coach Jim Mathews. He is the son of Jeanette Neal of Meridian.

Archuleta played forward at Richland. He is a three-time All-District player. During his senior season, Archuleta scored 40 goals to rank second in the state in all classifications.

Walker played goal-keeper at Newton County. He played five seasons for the Cougars under Shannon Cooley. He is the son of John and Bonnie Walker of Decatur.

Swayze played mid-fielder for Olive Branch. During his senior year, he scored 11 goals and had seven assists to help his team win the Division 1-5A title.

DECATUR — East Central Community College will present the Collegians Spring Campus Concert on Monday in Huff Auditorium on ECCC's main campus. The Collegians, a pop/rock vocal and instrumental group, will perform at 8 p.m.

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East Central well represented

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Lead Sports Columnist

Leron Yarbrough ... remember the name, he's headed for ECCC this fall after playing for the Louisville Wildcats.

Yarbrough, a fill-in for the North Mississippi All Stars, came away from the star-studded 53rd annual Bernard Blackwell All-Star Football Classic, with the Most Valuable Defensive Player.

The six foot one inch, 180 pound, defensive back had a pair of interceptions... what's so great? Yarbrough retrieved both for touchdowns... a gallop of 45 yards and a 20-yard sprint.

Yes, in deed ... makes a great story for a kid who did not start a game until his senior campaign and had never returned an interception for a TD and now the warrior-to-be is a MVP ... Only in America!

The East Central Warriors were well represented in the All-Star Football Classic at Madison Central's Jaguar Stadium.

Of course DB Leron Yarbrough was an ace but other ECCC recruits were Raymond Youngblood (WR, 6-0, 175) from Carthage; Davis Carter (DL, 6-4, 320), Louisville; Chris Hamm (OL, 6-2, 278), Carthage; and Lee Fairchild, (LB, 6-0, 212), Morton.

in All-Star game

David McConnell (6-1, 180) from Newton County was the South K/P and has signed with Alcorn State.

Prep All-Stars

Newton High basketball star Lenore Gray was a member of the South All Stars and will be at ECCC next year.

Tennis All Stars named to the elite South Mississippi team included NCHS Cougar's Luke Howell, Melissa Kimbriel, and Kery McDill.

Golf Anyone?

Ok, Dewey T., this one's for you ... a Jack Nicklaus superstition.

He always carries three pennies in his pocket during competition. Why three? He has an explanation.

Says the Golden Bear, "If I had one and lost it ... I'd be without a ball marker. If I carried two and a fellow competitor needed to borrow one, I'd again be without a marker if I lost one. So, it's three pennies for me ... and the tail side is always up."

Next week ... Has the NBA "gone nuts?"

The Denver Nuggets just signed a dude from Georgia ... like the republic (Russia) not the Deep South, USA.

His name — Nokoloz Tskitishvili. Spin the Wheel of Fortune and give me a vowel but not an "i" ... gee, a seven-footer ... but a soon-to-be millionaire.

Oh by the way, Vasco Da Gamma of Brazil, believe it or not, has a player named Yene Hilario ... wants to be a Nugget also!

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Tuscaloosa County, Ronald Smith of Daphne, Ala., and Van Wilson of West Lauderdale. Ryan won the 100-meter competition in high school last year in Alabama.

Underwood said the strength of the defense is team speed.

"Our secondary will be very fast. Three of our defensive starters, cornerbacks Pete McBride of Forest and Jarvis Lymon of Foley, Ala., and linebacker Josh Viverette of Lake had the fastest times in the 40-yard dash at a combine held at East Mississippi last spring. McBride ran a 4.38; Lymon, a 4.42; and Viverette, 4.5m" he said.

Other top defensive returnees are linebackers Stacey Lewis of Neshoba Central and Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala.

The defensive front will include returnees Arrion Triplett and Ken Triplett, both of Louisville, and Michael Wells and freshman Corey Hayes, both of Forest.

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Underwood, who is beginning his fifth year as head coach, also serves as defensive coordinator. Members of coaching staff include Tim Coats, assistant head coach and offensive coordinator; Steve Cheatham, defensive backs and special teams; and DeMarcus Holmes, wide receivers and tight ends.

East Central begins the 2002 season by hosting Holmes Community College Thursday, September 5. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

All ECCC football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) in Carthage, featuring veteran sportscaster Mike Goodwin.

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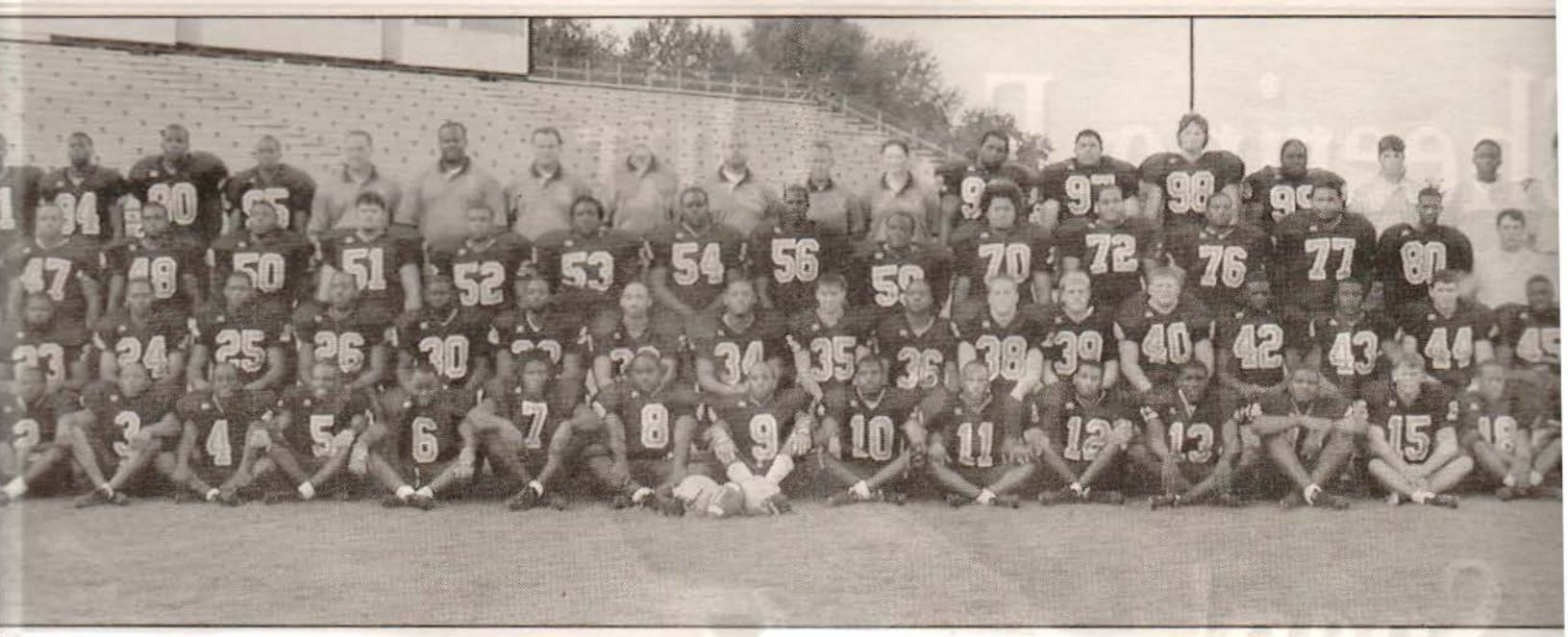

ECCC Warriors plan return trip to playoffs

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Also returning are Marcus Hibbler at receiver, Ramon Williams at running back, fullback Wesley Wright and quarterback Kevin Stephens.

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East Cent. Warriors

Sept. 5	Holmes	Home
Sept. 12	Northeast	Home
Sept. 19	Pearl River	Away
Sept. 26	Gulf Coast	Home
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Oct. 10	Jones	Home
Oct. 19	Hinds	Home
Oct. 26	Northwest	Away
Oct. 31	Southwest	Away

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No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Class
1	Stacey Lewis	LB	240	So.
2	Pete McBride	CB	170	So.
3	Travares Osley	LB	220	So.
4	Jarvis Lymon	CB	185	So.
5	Adrian Eiland	FS	175	So.
6	Jock Loper	SS	195	So.
7	Ken Triplett	DT	245	So.
8	Arrion Triplett	DT	270	So.
9	Marcus Hibbler	WR	174	So.
10	Reggie Rice	QB/WR	180	So.
11	Justin Smith	CB	160	So.
12	Ronald Smith	WR	176	Fr.
13	Corey Moore	DE	220	Fr.
14	Kevin Warner	QB	190	Fr.
15	Kevin Stephens	QB	189	So.
18	Chungkil Page	SS	170	Fr.
19	Van Wilson	WR	192	Fr.
21	Laron Yarbrough	CB	165	Fr.
23	Germaine Smith	FB	220	Fr.
24	Stephen Goodlow	LB	186	Fr.
25	Kenji Brown	LB	205	Fr.
26	John Hope	SS	205	So.
30	Derek Carter	RB	187	Fr.
32	Kentay Eiland	RB	202	Fr.
33	Horace Glenn	FB	175	Fr.
34	Ramon Williams	RB	220	So.
35	Jeremiah Gillette	P	176	Fr.
36	Mario White	CB	170	Fr.
39	Jacob Swayze	K/P	195	Fr.
40	Wesley Wright	FB	220	So.
42	Josh Viverette	LB	172	So.
43	Ed Hutt	TE	253	Fr.
44	John Williams	TE	233	So.
45	Michael Wells	DT	270	So.
46	Ken Shields	FS	170	Fr.
47	Marcus Cleveland	LB	225	Fr.
50	LeAndrew McDonald	C	260	So.
51	Ryan Thompson	C	290	Fr.
52	Dennis Harris	DT	260	Fr.
53	Tyrone Barrett	OT	299	So.
54	Demarcus Granger	OG	282	So.
56	Michael Wright	OG	226	Fr.
59	Covaris Grant	OG	282	Fr.
70	Rudy Su'e	OL	298	So.
72	Marcel Binion	OL	300	So.
76	Jason Graffrenread	OL	300	Fr.
77	Davis Carter	OL	332	Fr.
80	Bobby Lindsey	WR	166	Fr.
81	Titus Ryan	WR	185	Fr.
84	John Cole	WR	180	Fr.
90	J.E. Haynes	DL	230	Fr.
96	Jed Wright	DL	240	So.
97	Chris Allen	DT	263	Fr.
98	Adam Wright	DE	215	Fr.
99	Corey Hayes	DT	312	Fr.

WEEK OF August 26, 2002

Warrior day set, camp called

East Central Community College football fans can get their first glimpse of the 2002 squad by attending the annual "Meet the Warriors Pep Rally" scheduled for Tuesday in downtown Decatur.

Activities begin at 7 p.m. at the Citizens Bank parking lot located across the street from Spanky's Texaco Station. Station owner Robert Carleton III sponsors the annual event.

Participating in the program will be Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Carleton; and head football coach Terry Underwood. Coach Underwood will provide remarks about this year's squad followed by introductions of staff and team members.

The Warrior cheerleaders, Centralettes and the Wall O' Sound Marching Band will also perform.

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Gillom camp cancelled

The Jennifer Gillom/East Central Community College Basketball Camp scheduled for Monday, has been cancelled, announced coach Brad Hodge.

Hodge said Gillom is one of 12 players selected to represent the United States in the World Championships to be held in China, Sept. 14-25.

"Hopefully, we will be able to reschedule the camp at a later date," Hodge said.

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ECCC Warriors looking to contend for state title again

From Press, Staff Reports

DECATUR — A last-second field goal kept East Central Community College from advancing to the state title game in 2001. Head coach Terry Underwood said the Warriors learned a lot from the 10-7 loss at Mississippi Delta, and he hopes that learning experience will lead to another shot at the state championship.

"We had a successful season last year, finishing 6-3 and qualifying for the playoffs for the second time in three years," Underwood said. "Our goal is obviously to win a state championship, and the coaches and players are working hard to achieve that goal."

The 2001 Warriors, which placed second in the South Division with a 4-2 record, also had one of hte state's top offensive units. EC finished second in rushing offense, averaging 211.4 yards per contest. The Warriors were sixth in overall offense with a 329.2-yard average.

Underwood said the Warrior offense should again be successful, thanks to a stronger offensive line.

"I would have to say that our main strength on offense is our offensive line," he said. "These guys are really doing a great job and represent one of the strongest groups we have had here. I have also been pleased with our quarterbacks, running backs and wide receivers."

Top offensive returnees include linemen Demarcus Granger (6-foot-3, 282) of Tuscaloosa, Ala., County; Rudy Su'e (6-1, 298) of Escambia High School, Pensacola, Fla.; and Marcel Binion (6-3, 300) of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Central; wide receiver Marcus Hibbler (5-9, 174) of Louisville; running back Ramon Williams (5-10, 220) of Brookwood, Ala., High School; fullback Wesley Wright (5-10, 220) of Winston Academy; and quarterback Kevin Stephens (5-11, 189) of Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala.

Underwood said Stevens has had a good preseason at signal caller.

"Kevin throws well, is very intelligent, makes smart decisions and is a good athlete," he said. "He was mainly a backup to Brian Zbydniewski last year but is now ready to run the offense."

He added the running game is in good hand with Williams and Wright, who are also having an effective preseason.

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"Overall, I really feel very good about this team, even though we do not have as much depth as we did last year," Underwood said. "They are a great group of young men."

Underwood, who is beginning his fifth year as head coach, also serves as defensive coordinator. Members of his coaching staff include Tim Coats, assistant head coach and offensive coordinator; Fredrick Lyons, defensive line; Tommy Clopton, offensive line; Steve Cheatham, defensive backs and special teams; and DeMarcus Holmes, wide receivers and tight ends.

East Central begins the 2002 season by hosting Holmes Community College on Sept. 5. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

All ECCC football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) in Carthage, featuring veteran sportscaster Mike Goodwin.

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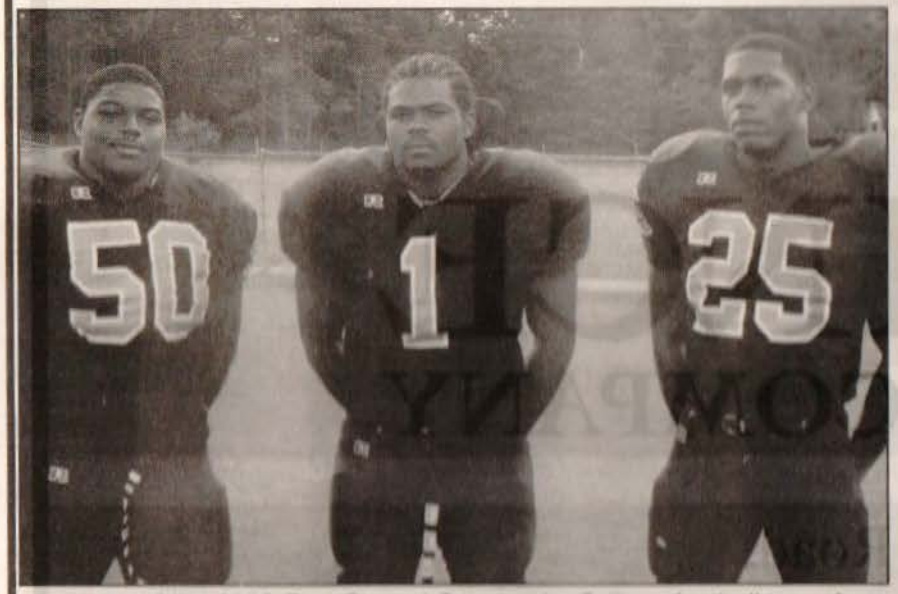

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WEEK OF Sept. 2, 2002

East Central Warrior starters for season opener named

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WEEK OF September 2, 2002

Holmes Named ECCC Assistant Football Coach

DECATUR--DeMarcus Holmes of Louisville was recently named assistant football coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced head coach Terry Underwood.

His primary responsibility will be coaching wide receivers.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Holmes was a member of the coaching staff at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

He is a former standout lineman at Western A&M University in Canyon, Texas, where he was named to the Lone Star Conference honorable mention team.

He also had a stellar career as a member of the 1996 and 1997 ECCC squads. He was named first team, NJCAA All-American; second team, J. C. Grid Wire All-American; first team, All-Region 23; first team, All-State; and most valuable lineman, MACJC South Division. He was also chosen the Warriors'97 most valuable lineman and was selected team co-captain.

DeMarcus Holmes

During his two years as a Warrior, East Central posted a 17-4 record. The Warriors went 10-1 in 1996, which included a win over Middle Georgia College in the Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Classic in Brunswick, Georgia.

Holmes is a graduate of Louisville High School and ECCC. He is currently completing requirements for a bachelor's degree in health and wellness from the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

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Holmes is the son of Gloria Holmes and the late Wilbert Holmes of Louisville.

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Special to *The Times*

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Despite loss of experience, Warriors ready for repeat

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — The East Central Community College Warriors were loaded with 30 sophomores last fall and it paid off in a 6-4 season that saw the Warriors reach the state playoffs where they fell 10-7 at Mississippi Delta in the semifinals on a field goal as time ran out.

With a 55-player roster, it's hard to have 30 sophomores every year, but ECCC fifth-year head coach Terry Underwood says don't lower the expectations for his team in 2002.

"We lost a good group of sophomores, one of the best groups that's ever been here," Underwood said. "We had 30 sophomores and 27 of them signed senior college scholarships. That's tough to replace, but we've worked hard as a staff to bring guys in and I feel like we've shored ourself up.

"We've got 24 sophomores going into this season and we feel like we've got some talent in that group and some experience. And we feel like we've got another good, solid freshman group.

"We feel good about where we are at this point in time. We're ready to open it up and see where we can go with it.

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ECCC also lost a fumble on a punt return.

The one thing the Warriors had going in the first half was a solid defense that held the Bulldogs to minus-4 yards on their first four possessions. Holmes had just two first downs in the first half, yet trailed only 6-3.

ECCC grabbed a 6-0 lead with 8:42 remaining in the second quarter on an 11-yard run by Ramon Williams. Jacob Swayze's waist high extra point attempt was easily blocked. The scoring drive covered 86 yards with the big gainer being a 47-yard pass from Kevin Stephens to Ronald Smith to the Holmes 39.

Bobby Ferguson put the Bulldogs in business at the ECCC 14 when he picked off a Stephens pass with just under three minutes to go before halftime. Even after being flagged for defensive holding and pass interference, he

it off and raced 43 yards to the end zone. A two-point pass attempt by Stephens was incomplete.

Holmes' ground game, so sluggish in the first half, now began gaining nearly five yards per carry as the Bulldogs started taking big chunks off the clock. A 32-yard field goal by Jones put the Bulldogs up 20-12 with 13:05 left in the contest.

The Bulldogs put the game away with a 1-yard sneak by Bo Bradberry with 4:41 left. The Warriors appeared to have held as Jones missed on a 28-yard field goal try, but an offsides penalty gave Holmes first-and-goal at the 6.

"Defensively, we didn't play as well in the second half as we did the first half," Underwood said. "The first half we played pretty well, but in the second half we let them control the clock and move the ball.

"All I know to do is to go back to the drawing board and try to get better. We've got to learn

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WIDE OPEN

East Central Community college wide receiver Ronald Smith (12) keeps his eyes on the ball as he makes a catch for a big game against Holmes Community College Thursday.

Holmes kicks ECCC, 27-12

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — Early in the week, East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood said his team's kicking game was a big question.

Following Thursday's 27-12 season-opening loss to Holmes Community College, he had a new assessment.

"We were awful in the kicking game," Underwood said. "That had a major factor in us getting beat. We missed an extra point. The punting was awful. Early in the game, we could have penned them deep and we never got a good punt off. We dropped a snap. And then on a field goal attempt (by the Warriors), they got a touchdown. On the kickoff (return for a touchdown), that was just poor coverage on our part.

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WEEK OF Sept 9, 2002

ECCC falls 27-12 in opener to Holmes

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EC, which led 6-3 at halftime thanks to running back Ramon Williams' 12-yard scamper midway in the second quarter, saw its slim lead slip away on the second half kickoff when Bulldog speedster Terrance Fleming darted 91 yards for the go-ahead score.

The Warriors responded by quickly putting together an impressive march, highlighted by quarterback Kevin Stephens' 50-yard strike to wide receiver Ronald Smith, which gave EC possession on the Holmes 20. Unable to further penetrate the Bulldog defense, the Warriors settled for a 42-yard field goal attempt by Jacob Swayze.

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with 67 yards on 16 carries. Stevens was 16-of-27 passing for 212 yards. Smith had three catches for 108 yards.

EC hosts Northeast Mississippi, 1-0, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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Pair of Scott Countians among playmakers for ECCC, but Warriors fall short of victory

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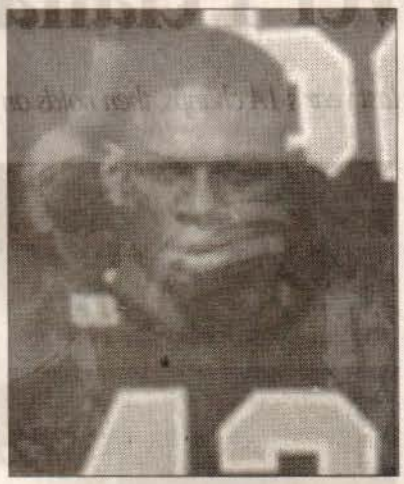
East Central closed the gap at 17-12 late in the third stanza, when defensive tackle Michael Wells of Forest picked off a Holmes pass and rambled 43 yards to the end zone. Stephens' pass for the two-point conversion fell incomplete. Holmes extended its lead to 20-12 early in the final period on Jones' second field goal of the evening.

Michael Wells, Forest



Josh Vivarette, Lake

Jones, who bagged a 22-yarder in the first stanza, booted a 33-yarder to cap a 12-play, 54-yard drive. The Bulldogs would later put the game out of reach on quarterback Bo Bradberry's one-yard plunge with 4:41 remaining. The drive was fueled by a Warrior penalty that gave Holmes new life after Jones had missed a 28-yard field goal on fourth and one.

East Central drove to the five-yard line in the final two minutes but was unable to score, as four straight passes from Stephens fell incomplete. Not only did the Warriors lose the season opener, offensive lineman Rudy Su'e of Escambia, Fla., is probably out for the season after suffering a broken ankle.

Other Warriors who sustained injuries were Williams and defensive tackle Chris Allen of Tuscaloosa. Williams, a sophomore from Daphne, Ala., led EC rushers with 67yards on 16 carries. Stevens, who hails from Troy, Ala., had a stellar night at quarterback, completing 16 of 27 passes for 212 yards and one interception. Ronald Smith, a freshman from Daphne, Ala., was the leading receiver with three grabs for 108 yards. Freshman Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa had four catches for 33 yards, and sophomore receiver Marcus Hibbler of Louisville grabbed four aerials for 31 yards. Linebacker Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala., led EC on defense with six solo tackles and seven assists. Linebacker Josh Vivarette of Lake had five tackles and seven assists.

Defensive end Ken Triplett and defensive tackle Jarion Triplett, both of Louisville, each recorded a quarterback sack.

East Central will look for its first season win Thursday against Northeast Mississippi Community College. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium.

The Tigers won their season opener by defeating Pearl River Community College 13-6 in Booneville.

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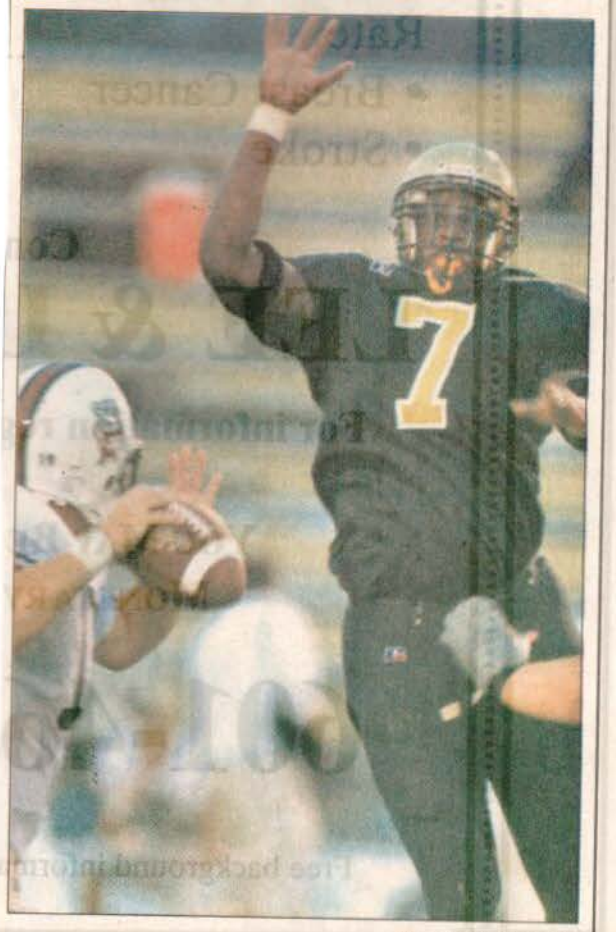

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East Central Warriors fall to Holmes in season opener, 2B

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ECCC

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possibly play [illegible] the week off.

"Marcel Simon, our starting strong tackle, hasn't practiced this week and we hope he gets in at least one practice before the game. He's questionable, so we've had to do some moving around.

"Corey Hayes, our nose guard, should be able to play, but he hasn't had much practice time because his knee has been bruised."

Likely to see time in Williams' spot are freshmen Kentay Eiland and Derek Carter.

"We're looking for those two to share the load there," Underwood said. "And in the offensive line, we're moving John Williams to quick guard and taking Demarcus Granger to strong guard. We've worked [illegible]

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[illegible] for 22 yards and [illegible] had four catches for [illegible] yards.

"I thought we threw and caught the ball well," Underwood said. "Our protection was not as good as it needs to be. It was off the three-step (drop), but off the five-step it's got to be better. Kevin threw the ball well and we had some really good catches. Hopefully, we can do that the rest of the year. We still had five or six drops that had we caught them, it would have been a huge difference in the game."

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Freshman East Central wide receiver Ronald Smith dives over a Holmes defender for extra yardage during the Warriors' 27-12 loss last week.

JUCO FOOTBALL

TOP 15 POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Georgia Military (7)	1-0	103	3
2. Tyler (2)	2-0	102	4
3. Rochester Tech (1)	2-0	78	5
4. Jones	1-0	63	11
5. Snow	1-0	60	8
6. North Iowa	2-0	54	7
7. Joliet	2-0	53	9
8. Iowa Central	2-0	47	10
9. Nassau	2-0	40	12
10. NE Oklahoma A&M	1-0	32	13
11. Hinds	1-0	29	—
12. Coffeyville	1-1	25	—
13. Garden City	1-1	22	2
14. Trinity Valley	2-0	20	—
15. Pima	2-0	18	—

Others receiving votes — Alfred State; Butler County; Fergus Falls; Kilgore; Lackawanna; **Northwest Mississippi**; Ranger; William Rainey.

MACJC/REGION 23 STANDINGS

North	Div	All
Holmes	0-0	1-0
Northeast	0-0	1-0
Coahoma	0-0	0-1
East Mississippi	0-0	0-1
Itawamba	0-0	0-1
Miss. Delta	0-0	0-1
Northwest	0-0	0-1
East		
Copiah-Lincoln	0-0	1-0
Gulf Coast	0-0	1-0
Hinds	0-0	1-0
Jones	0-0	1-0
Southwest	0-0	1-0
East Central	0-0	0-1
Pearl River	0-0	0-1

Thursday, Sept. 5
Copiah-Lincoln 24, Miss. Delta 21
Holmes 27, East Central 12
Hinds 28, Northwest 24
Gulf Coast 21, Itawamba 14
Northeast 13, Pearl River 6

Saturday, Sept. 7
Southwest 36, Coahoma 0
Jones 17, East Mississippi 10

Thursday, Sept. 12
Northeast at East Central, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Copiah-Lincoln, 7 p.m.
East Mississippi at Gulf Coast, 7 p.m.
Itawamba at Hinds, 7 p.m.
Jones at Miss. Delta, 7 p.m.
Pearl River at Northwest, 7 p.m.
Southwest at Holmes, 7 p.m.

MACJC/REGION 23 TEAM STATISTICS

RUSHING OFFENSE

	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Miss. Delta	55	292	5.3	3	292.0
Southwest	40	199	4.9	3	199.0
Itawamba	35	146	4.1	0	146.0
Holmes	48	137	2.8	1	137.0
Northwest	40	134	3.3	1	134.0
Northeast	44	125	2.8	1	125.0
Co-Lin	25	108	4.3	2	108.0
East Central	22	79	3.6	1	79.0
Hinds	26	49	1.9	2	49.0
East Miss.	22	46	2.1	1	46.0
Pearl River	19	47	2.5	0	47.0

PASSING OFFENSE

	C	A	I	Yds	TD	Yds/G
Hinds	18	35	0	220	2	220.0
East Central	16	27	1	212	0	212.0
Northwest	14	36	1	191	2	191.0
Pearl River	15	41	3	191	1	191.0
Co-Lin	13	26	2	141	1	141.0
East Miss.	7	23	0	113	1	113.0
Itawamba	10	20	0	98	2	98.0
Miss. Delta	9	19	2	96	0	96.0
Northeast	8	16	3	88	1	88.0
Southwest	3	7	0	65	1	65.0
Holmes	1	4	1	2	0	2.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Miss. Delta	74	388	5.2	3	388.0
Northwest	76	325	4.3	3	325.0
East Central	49	291	5.9	2	291.0
Hinds	71	269	[illegible]	4	269.0
Southwest	47	264	5.6	4	264.0
Co-Lin	51	250	4.9	3	250.0
Itawamba	64	244	3.8	2	244.0
Pearl River	60	238	3.9	1	238.0
Northeast	60	213	3.6	2	213.0
East Miss.	56	179	3.2	1	179.0
Holmes	52	139	2.7	1	139.0

RUSHING DEFENSE

	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Southwest	27	29	1.1	[illegible]	29.0
Northeast	25	44	1.8	0	44.0
Holmes	22	46	2.1	1	46.0
Miss. Delta	28	53	1.9	2	53.0
East Miss.	33	64	1.9	2	64.0
Northwest	33	66	2.0	2	66.0
Itawamba	32	73	2.3	1	73.0
Pearl River	41	111	2.7	1	111.0
Gulf Coast	32	129	4.0	0	129.0
East Central	50	157	3.1	0	157.0
Co-Lin	49	190	3.8	3	190.0
Hinds	39	197	5.1	1	197.0

PASSING DEFENSE

	C	A	I	Yds	TD	Yds/G
East Central	2	5	1	14	0	14.0
Southwest	5	20	3	45	0	45.0
Co-Lin	8	16	2	70	0	70.0
Pearl River	9	16	3	86	1	86.0
Gulf Coast	9	30	0	98	2	98.0
Miss. Delta	12	27	3	110	1	110.0
Itawamba	10	21	1	149	1	149.0
Hinds	12	34	1	159	2	159.0
East Miss.	14	28	0	185	0	185.0
Northeast	14	40	3	188	1	188.0
Holmes	14	30	1	190	0	190.0
Northwest	17	33	0	200	2	200.0

TOTAL DEFENSE

	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Southwest	47	74	1.6	0	74.0
Miss. Delta	55	163	2.9	3	163.0
East Central	55	171	3.1	3	171.0
Pearl River	67	197	3.5	2	197.0

MACJC/REGION 23 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

SCORING (NON-KICKING)

	TD	XP	Pts	Pts/G
Denham, Hinds	2	0	12	12.0
Harris, NW	2	0	12	12.0
Lindsey, SW	2	0	12	12.0
King, Delta	2	0	12	12.0

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Ingram, Delta	36	192	5.3	1	192.0
Prince, NW	20	90	4.5	0	90.0
King Delta	9	86	9.6	2	86.0
Copeland ICC	13	82	6.3	0	82.0
Reddix SW	8	80	10.0	1	80.0
Denham HI	24	72	3.0	2	72.0
Smrsville, EM	15	70	4.6	0	70.0
Richardsn, Hol	14	69	4.9	0	69.0
Williams, EC	16	67	4.2	1	67.0
Woods, GC	9	48	5.3	1	48.0
Collier, NE	14	42	3.0	1	42.0
Cannon, PR	11	33	3.3	0	33.0
Eley, CL	8	33	4.2	0	33.0
Borden, NE	9	32	3.6	0	32.0

PASSING

	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Yds/G
Matthews, HI	18-35-0	220	2	220.0
Stephens, EC	16-27-1	212	0	212.0
Robison, NW	13-33-0	193	2	193.0
Forrest, PR	15-44-3	191	1	191.0
Petty, CL	13-25-2	141	1	141.0
Carmichael, GC	9-19-1	135	1	135.0
Spinks, EM	7-23-0	113	1	113.0
King, MD	9-17-2	96	0	96.0
Finley, ICC	8-24-0	69	1	69.0
Lindsey, SW	3-7-0	65	1	65.0
Stevenson, NE	4-7-1	56	1	56.0

PASS EFFICIENCY

	C-A-I	Pct	Yds	Rating
Matthews, HI	18-35-0	51.4	220	123.1
Stephens, EC	16-27-1	59.3	212	117.8
Carmichael, GC	9-19-1	47.4	135	114.0
Robison, NW	13-33-0	39.4	193	108.5
Petty, CL	13-25-2	52.0	141	96.6
Lindsey, SW	3-7-0	42.9	65	93.6
Spinks, EM	7-23-0	30.4	113	86.0
King, MD	9-17-2	52.9	96	76.8
Forrest, PR	15-44-3	34.0	191	76.0
Finley, ICC	8-24-0	33.0	69	70.9

RECEIVING YARDS

	Rec	Yds	TD	Yds/G
Harris, NW	7	109	2	109.0
Smith, EC	3	108	0	108.0
Mixon, HI	5	88	1	88.0
Chambers, HI	8	87	0	87.0
McLaurin, CL	3	85	0	85.0
Morgan, PR	4	79	0	79.0
Moore, GC	3	65	1	65.0
Nettles, GC	6	63	[illegible]	63.0
Kelley, NE	3	57	1	57.0
Crockett, SW	2	54	1	54.0
Maddox, EM	2	51	0	51.0
Knowles, ICC	6	48	1	48.0
Wells, MD	3	46	0	46.0
Morris, ICC	2	44	1	44.0
Chekas, PR	2	41	0	41.0

RECEPTIONS

	Rec	Avg	TD	Rec/G
Chambers, HI	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.0
Harris, NW	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.0
Nettles, GC	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.0
Knowles, ICC	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.0
Mixon, HI	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.0
Woods, NW	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.0
Chekas, PR	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.0
Matthews, MD	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.0
Ryan, EC	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.0
Hibber, EC	4	7.8	0	4.0
Fountain, PR	4	6.3	0	4.0
Seago, NE	4	5.8	0	4.0
Payne, CL	4	1.5	0	4.0
Smith, EC	3	36.0	0	3.0
McLaurin, CL	3	28.3	0	3.0
Moore, GC	3	21.7	1	3.0
Kelley, NE	3	19.0	1	3.0
Wells, MD	3	15.3	0	3.0

SCORING (KICKING)

	XP	FG	Pts
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Thornton, CL	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Wright, SW	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
Wright, SW	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Robison, NW	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Robertson, NE	5	[illegible]	41.2	52
Bradberry, Hol	6	[illegible]	40.3	54
Crabtree, HI	6	241	40.2	44
Mooneyham, ICC	8	[illegible]	37.8	47
Garland, CL	4	148	37.0	44
Baker, GC	6	201	33.5	42
Lunsford, PR	5	162	33.0	44
Brown, MD	6	191	31.8	37
Mosley, EM	8	253	31.6	42
Gillette, EC	5	131	26.2	32

PUNT RETURNS

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
McLaurin, CL	5	111	22.5	47
Howell, HI	3	52	17.3	25
Wells, MD	3	23	7.2	13
Hibber, EC	3	16	5.3	7
Bumpers, EM	3	15	5.0	5

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
Estes, GC	1	100	100.0	100
Fleming, Hol	3	134	44.7	91
Henderson, EM	2	62	31.0	35
McLaurin, CL	3	68	22.6	25
Swims, ICC	3	64	21.3	28
McBride, EC	4	81	20.3	23
Hampton, HI	2	27	13.5	14
Stevensen, NE	2	27	13.5	15
Morgan, PR	2	25	12.5	20

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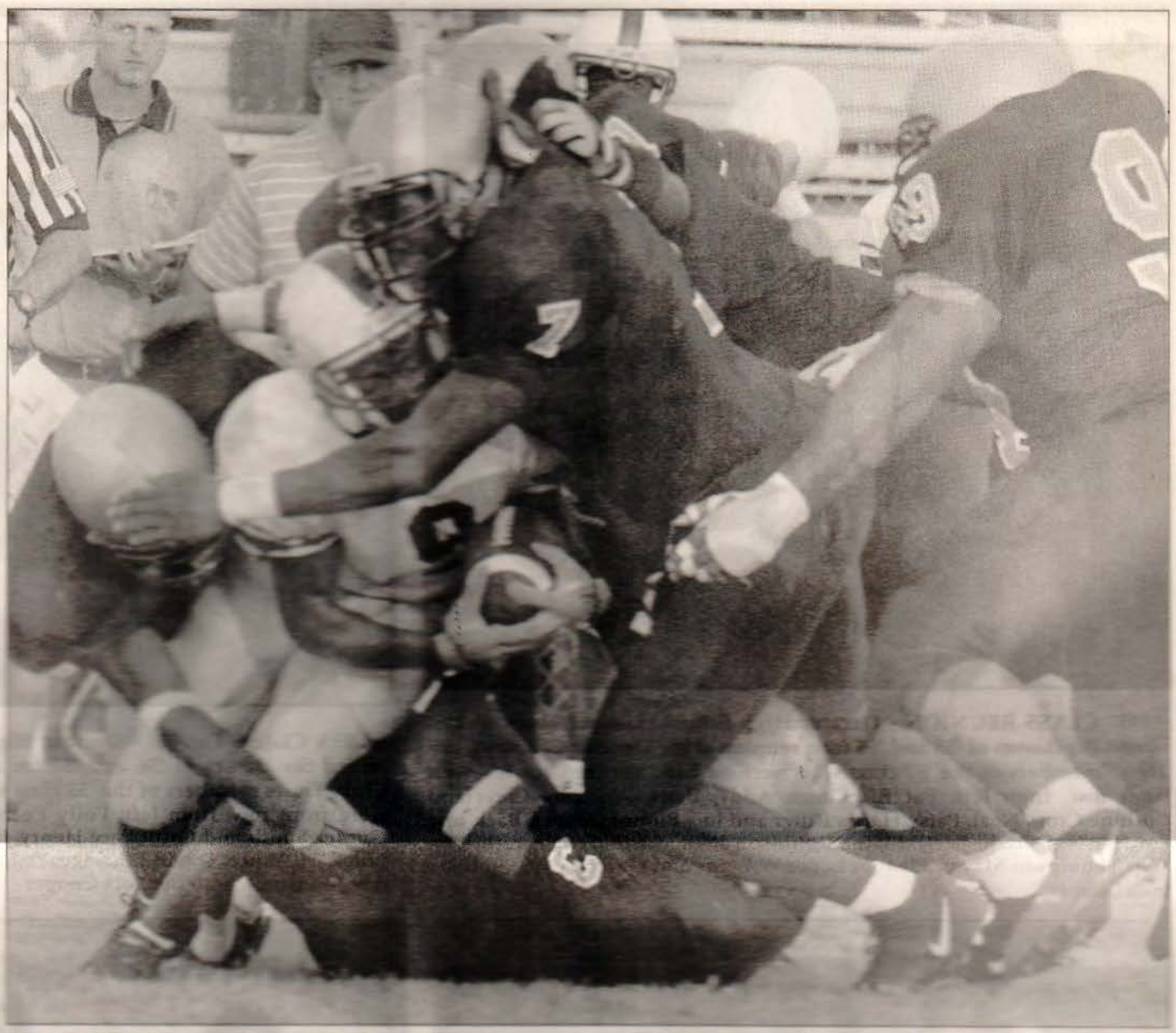

A band of East Central Community College Warriors wrap up a Holmes Community College defender during last week's season opener. Holmes took the win over ECCC. (Photo by Paula Merritt)

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Kicking game gives ECCC the boot in 27-12 setback

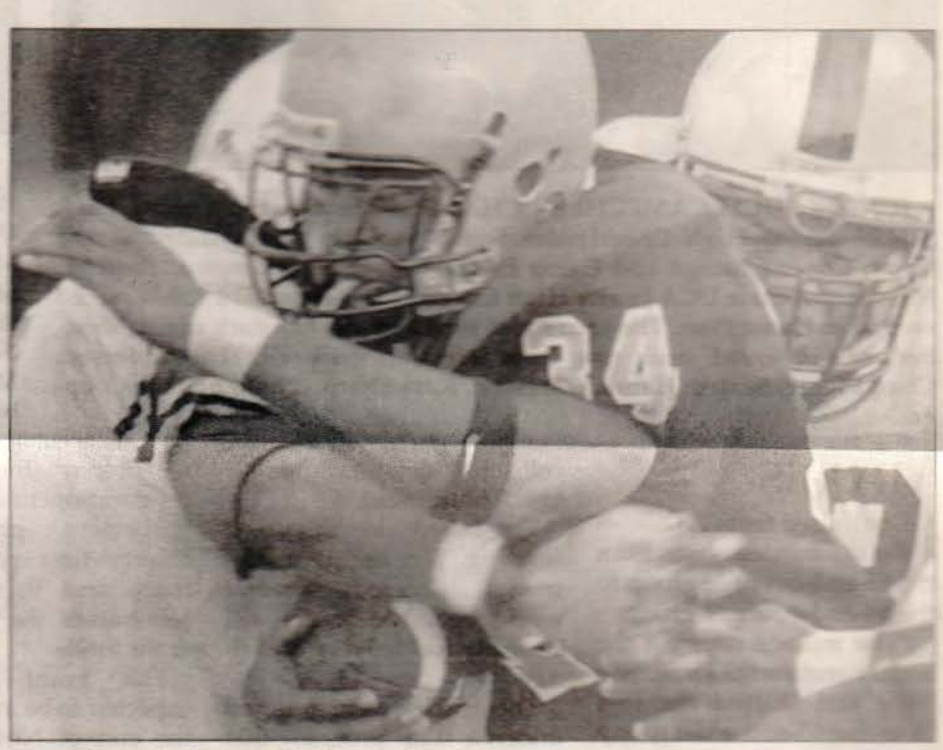
By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — Early in the week, East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood said his team's kicking game was a big question.

Following Thursday's 27-12 season-opening loss to Holmes Community College, he had a new assessment.

"We were awful in the kicking game," Underwood said. "That had a major factor in us getting beat. We missed an extra point. The punting was awful. Early in the game, we could have penned them deep and we never got a good punt off. We dropped a snap. And then on a field (by the Warriors), they got a touchdown. On the kickoff (return for a touchdown), that was just poor coverage on our part.

"The kicking game was a thorn in our side and that's a big reason why we lost, plus turnovers and penalties. You take all of those into consideration."



East Central's Ramon Williams (34) fights for yardage against Holmes. (Photo by Paula Merritt)

ECCC also lost a fumble on a punt return.

The one thing the Warriors had going in the first half was a solid defense that held the Bulldogs to minus-4 yards on their first four possessions. Holmes had just two first downs in the first half, yet trailed only 6-3.

ECCC grabbed a 6-0 lead with 8:42 remaining in the second quarter on an 11-yard run by Ramon Williams. Jacob Swayze's waist high extra point attempt was easily blocked. The scoring drive covered 86 yards with the big gainer being a 47-yard pass from Kevin Stephens to Ronald Smith to the Holmes 39.

Bobby Ferguson put the Bulldogs in business at the ECCC 14 when he picked off a Stephens pass with just under three minutes to go before halftime. Even after being flagged for defensive holding and pass interference, the Warriors only allowed a 21-yard field goal by Matt Jones as the first half ended.

Holmes used the kicking game to go up 10-6 as Terrance Fleming returned the second half kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown. Jones added the PAT.

ECCC was threatening to reclaim the lead when kicking game ineptness reared its ugly head again. A 47-yard bomb from Stephens to Smith carried to the Holmes 25, but on fourth-and-11, Swayze's 43-yard field goal bid never got above belt level. It was blocked back to Stephens, the holder, then taken away and returned 66 yards for a Bulldog touchdown by Larry Washington. Jones' extra point made it 17-6 with 11:18 left in the third quarter.

The Warriors took advantage of a break to get to within 17-12 with 4:33 left in the third period. A hard hit on a Bulldog receiver caused the ball to go up into the air where Michael Wells picked it off and raced 43 yards to the end zone. A two-point conversion attempt by Stephens was incomplete.

Holmes' ground game, so sluggish in the first half, now began gaining nearly five yards per carry as the Bulldogs started taking big chunks off the clock. A 32-yard field goal by Jones put the Bulldogs up 20-12 with 13:05 left in the contest.

The Bulldogs put the game away with a 1-yard sneak by Bo Bradberry with 4:41 left. The Warriors appeared to have held as Jones missed on a 28-yard field goal try, but an offsides penalty gave Holmes first-and-goal at the 6.

"Defensively, we didn't play as well in the second half as we did the first half," Underwood said. "The first half we played pretty well, but in the second half we let them control the clock and move the ball."

ECCC lost offensive lineman Rudy Su'e most likely for the year with a broken bone just above the ankle.

Williams also went down late in the game with a knee injury and did not return.

The Warriors had the ball at the Holmes 4 with first-and-goal after Williams went out, but were unable to score in the final two minutes.

Stephens was 16-of-27 for 194 yards with Smith catching four passes for 115 yards. Williams had 13 carries for 61 yards. Shelton Richardson led Holmes with 77 yards on 13 carries.

ECCC hosts Northeast Thursday.

WEEK OF Sept 16, 2002

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WEEK OF Sept. 16, 2002

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

East Central falls to Northeast Mississippi

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — The East Central Community College Warriors dropped to 0-2 with Thursday's 14-7 loss to the Tigers of Northeast Mississippi.

The contest was a defensive struggle most of the night as Northeast finished with 209 total yards and ECCC had only 136.

"I thought our defense bowed up and played pretty good most of the game," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "We let them get a few on us and you've got to give them credit. They put together one pretty good drive and we got a personal foul penalty that aided it. Other than that, the rest of the points were off a turnover on a short field.

"I thought our defense played hard and I'm not ashamed of them playing hard like that. I just hate we came up on the short end."

The first quarter saw both teams stage a punting contest as both the Warriors and Tigers had only 37 total yards apiece after the first 15 minutes. Twenty-six of ECCC's yards came on a pass from Kevin Stephens to Kentay Eiland.

Northeast put together a 92-yard scoring drive to grab a 6-0 lead in the second quarter. The Warriors had the Tigers facing third-and-6 only to get penalized for a dead ball personal foul. Matthew Stevenson hooked up with T.J. Seago for a 27-yard gain to the ECCC 35. On third-and-goal at the 7, Chris Kelley ran a reverse around left end for the touchdown with 6:37 remaining in the first half. A bad snap spoiled the extra point.

At halftime, Northeast had 114 total yards to 70 for the Warriors.

ECCC threatened to start the second half as Ronald Smith fielded a short kick and returned it to the Tigers 32. Three plays lost a yard and Jeremiah Gillette punted into the end zone on fourth down.

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Brandon Roberson punted the Warriors back to their 1 late in the third quarter and a fumble by Eiland that eventually rolled out of the end zone for a safety put Northeast up 8-0 with 3:29 left in the period.

Northeast returned the free kick to the ECCC 44, but was unable to advance on the Warriors' defense.

Lee Hayes, however, put the Tigers back in business when he picked off a Stephens pass and returned it 12 yards to the ECCC 28. John Hicks rumbled up the middle from three yards out with 10:05 left in the game to put the Tigers up 14-0. The PAT was wide right.

Aided by a 45-yard kickoff return by Pete McBride, the Warriors covered 46 yards and got their only touchdown of the night. Back-to-back pass interference and defensive holding penalties gave the Warriors their fourth and fifth first downs of the game and set up a 23-yard touchdown toss from Stephens to Eiland. Travares Osley kicked the extra point to cut the deficit to 14-7 with 8:16 remaining.

Hal Kerstetter was just short on a 44-yard field goal attempt for Northeast with 5:22 left.

Stephens suffered an interception by Tyus Jackson to end the Warriors' next drive and a pick by Eric Holcombe on ECCC's final possession. In between, Jed Wright recovered a Tiger fumble at the Northeast 44 for the Warriors.

Both teams punted nine times. ECCC had only seven first downs for the game.

"We had several starters hurt on offense and another got hurt tonight," Underwood said. "We were inconsistent. We couldn't move the ball and if you can't score points, you can't win. Offensively, we've just got to get better."

ECCC opens South Division play at Pearl River on Thursday. Northeast beat Pearl River 13-6 in the opening week.

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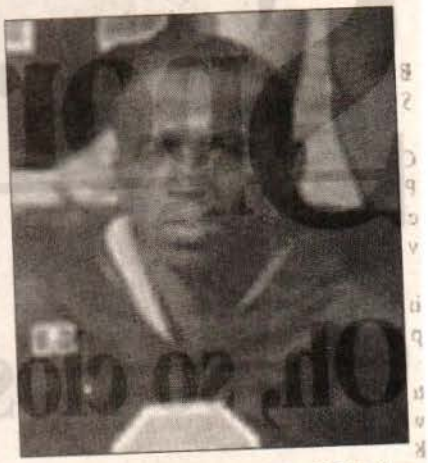

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ECCC drops another tough one, falls to 0-2

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
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East Central Community College may be glad to begin South Division play this week, because the Warriors have had a rough start to the 2002 football season against North Division foes.

A fourth-quarter rally fell short for ECCC last week, as the Warriors lost 14-7 to Northeast Mississippi Community College last Thursday night on the Decatur campus.

East Central, which is now 0-2 on the young season, cut into the Tigers' 14-0 lead midway through the fourth quarter on quarterback Kevin Stephens' 23-yard touchdown strike to running back Kentay Eiland. A PAT kick from Travares Osley made it 14-7, but that's where the scoring ended.

Stephens engineered the five-play, 46-yard drive, which was aided by pass interference and holding calls on the Tiger defense. The Warriors, whose offense struggled throughout the contest, also got a 45-yard kickoff return from Pete McBride to kick-start the drive.

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The Warriors had just 175 yards of total offense, with Eiland leading all EC ball carriers with 68 yards on 19 carries. The freshman from Louisville was subbing for injured starter Ramon Williams.

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East Central travels to Poplarville this Thursday to take on Pearl River Community College in the South Division opener for both teams. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Pearl River is 1-1 on the season after a surprising 20-18 win over nationally-ranked Northwest Mississippi last week. The Wildcats lost 13-6 to Northeast in the first week of the season.

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By Stan Caldwell
MG Sports Writer

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Indeed, mistakes at critical times killed the Warriors. ECCC got into the red zone three times, but only got one touchdown out of it. The Warriors had two drives of 16 and 18 plays, and got nothing out of either one.

East Central got a taste of how the night would go on its first possession after the opening kickoff. The Warriors from their own 34 to the PRCC 6, eating up nearly eight minutes off the clock.

But two consecutive motion penalties moved the Warriors back 10 yards, and the Wildcat defense stiffened. Travis Osley then missed a 33-yard field goal attempt wide left.

The Wildcats wasted little time in taking advantage of the reprieve. Moving from their own 20, PRCC drove briskly down the field in seven plays, getting a touchdown pass from Daniel Forrest to Donovan Morgan. The Warriors blocked the conversion, but PRCC led 6-0 with 3:54 to play int he first quarter.

East Central tied it up early in the second quarter, taking advantage of a Wildcat mistake. Defensive end J.E. Haynes got his hands on a pass by back-up quarterback Garrett Tapper and reeled the pass in for an interception, then rumbled 25 yards to the Wildcats 5.

Kentay Eiland ran three times for the score, getting in from a yard out. Osley's kick was blocked, but ECCC had it tied with 10:32 to play before halftime.

After an exchange of punts, Pe River embarked on what would pro to be the winning touchdown dri going 90 yards in 13 plays. A pass int ference penalty on a third down pl from midfield kept the drive alive, th Forrest hit Jonathan Eiland for a yard scoring strike. Greg Bryant's P made it 13-6 with 1:21 to play in t period.

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"I think our kids will be ready to play. It's just a matter of us going down there and getting after it.

"It's a new season. We're 0-2 and lost two tough games to good football teams. Holmes and Northeast are both 2-0 and after two weeks, there's only four teams out of the 14 that are 2-0 and the other two are Jones and Hinds.

"If we want to get in the playoffs, we need to get off to a good start and win as many, if not all, of our division games."

The game can be heard on WSSI, 98.3 FM in Carthage.

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Warriors open division play

READY TO FIRE - East Central quarterback Kevin Stephens (15) fires the ball downfield against Holmes Community College earlier this season. The 0-2 Warriors visit Pearl River on Thursday night. Photo by Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

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EC Warriors falls to PRC 13 - 9

For the second straight week, a second-half rally fell short of victory for East Central Community College's Warriors who were clipped 13-9 by the Pearl River Community College Wildcats Thursday night in the South Division opener for both squads at Dobie Holden Stadium in Poplarville.

East Central, which trailed 13-9 at halftime, had mounted an impressive third quarter drive from the Wildcat 10, which was set up when defensive back Pete McBride of Forest nixed a possible Pearl River score with his interception off Wildcat quarterback Daniel Forrest of Picayune.

Warrior quarterback Kevin Stephens of Troy, Ala., engineered the "almost" 90-yard march, highlighted by an effective ground game featuring wide receiver-turned-running back Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, running back Kentay Eiland and fullback Horace Glenn, both of Louisville, and fullback Germaine Smith of Newton County. Smith crossed the goal line from 10 yards out on the 14th play of the long drive, but the score was nullified due to a holding call. The Warriors later fumbled on third and 15 at the 20-yard-line to begin the final stanza, and the Wildcats held on for the victory, improving to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the division, while EC is winless in three outings.

Pearl River scored first in the division matchup, when Forrest-the state's leading passer-fired a 23-yard strike to wide receiver Donavan Morgan of new Orleans with 3:54 left in the opening period. Greg Bryant's PAT attempt was blocked. The Wildcat drive covered 80 yards in eight plays and followed a Warrior march that resulted in a missed 34-yard field goal by Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala., who only recently took over kicking duties.

The Warriors tied the contest early in the second quarter on Eiland's one-yard plunge, which was set up by defensive lineman J. E. Haynes of Noxapater, who intercepted a Forrest pass at the Pearl River 35-yard-line and rambled to the Wildcat four. Osley's PAT was not successful.

Pearl River broke the deadlock with just over a minute left in the first half when Forrest and wide receiver Jonathan Elland of Hattiesburg combined talents on a 20-yard touchdown pass. Bryant, a Poplarville product, added the PAT.

East Central responded to the Pearl Rivewr tally by scoring the game's final points, a 47-yard field goal by Osley with just 18 seconds left before halftime.

Freshman Marcus Cleveland of Morton has been added to the injury list, which now includes several players: running back Ramon Williams; offensive lineman Marcel Binion; fullback Wesley Wright; defensive tackle Chris Allen; and offensive guard Rudy Su'e, who suffered the most serious injury(broken ankle)in the Holmes game and is out for the season.

Horace Glenn led the Warrior offense with 76 yards on 13 carries. Titus Ryan added 54 yards on 14 attempts.

Daniel Forrest completed 21 of 30 passes for 238 yards and two touchdowns for Pearl River. Prior to the EC contest, Forrest had complete 37 of 83 passes for 430 yards and three touchdowns.

East Central will try to get into the win column this Thursday when division foe Gulf Coast Community College comes to campus. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium. The Bulldogs, (2-1) defeated Copiah-Lincoln Community College 16-7 last week.

All Warrior football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) featuring veteran sportscaster Mike Goodwin and game analyst Gilbert Barham.

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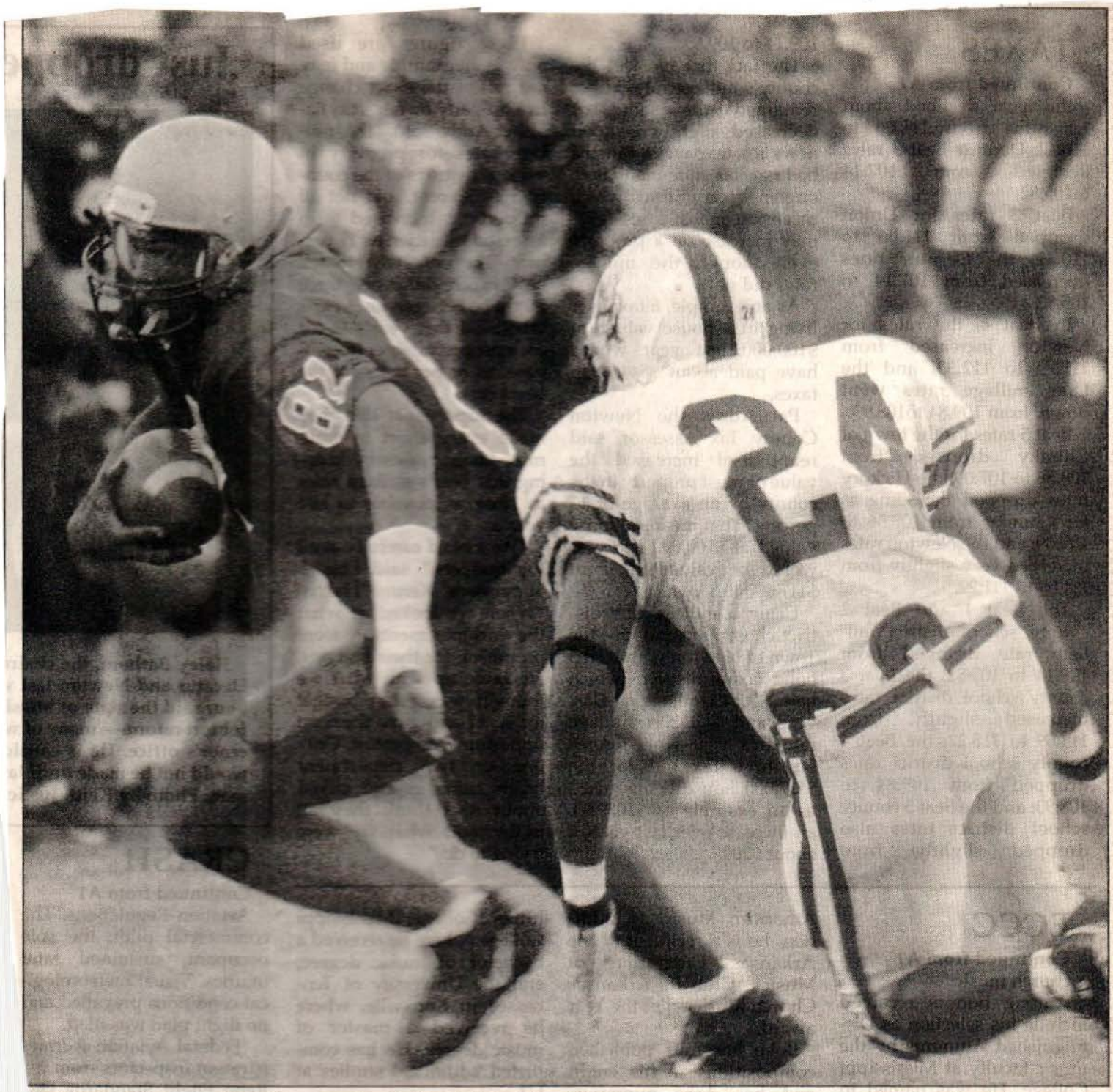

East Central Community College receiver/tailback Titus Ryan (82) turns up field against Holmes Community College during recent action. Ryan began the season as a wide receiver and know has moved to tailback. The Warriors, 0-3, play host to the -1 Bulldogs of Gulf Coast.

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church music.

Among honors received include his selection as Distinguished Alumnus by the music faculty at Mississippi College. He was named to Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Entertainment and Who's Who in American Music. In addition, he is a recipient of the Arkansas Federation of Music Club's Arkansas Church Musician of the Year award.

Bobo has four published compositions to his credit and has done numerous commissioned compositions for various choral groups.

He is a graduate of Warren Central High School, Hinds Junior College; Mississippi College, where he received a bachelor of music degree; and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he received a master of music degree. He has completed additional studies at UT.

He is married to the former Pamela Jeannie Moore and they have two daughters, Celeste and Brittany.

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ECCC falls to Pearl River, 13-9; prepares to host Gulf Coast

By Stan Caldwell
EMG sports writer

POPLARVILLE — In business, it's called closing the deal.

In football, it's called scoring when you have the opportunity, and East Central Community College didn't close the deal Thursday night, dropping a 13-9 decision to Pearl River in the South Division opener for both teams.

ECCC dropped to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the division; PRCC improved to 2-1 and 1-0.

"We were able to move the ball, possess the ball and keep their offense off the field," said Warrior coach Terry Underwood. "But we couldn't get it in the end zone when we had the opportunity."

Indeed, mistakes at critical times killed the Warriors. ECCC got into the red zone three times, but only got one touchdown out of it. The Warriors had two drives of 16 and 18 plays, and got nothing out of either one.

East Central got a taste of how the night would go on its first possession after the opening kickoff. The Warriors from their own 34 to the PRCC 6, eating up nearly eight minutes off the clock.

But two consecutive motion penalties moved the Warriors back 10 yards, and the Wildcat defense stiffened. Travis Osley then missed a 33-yard field goal attempt wide left.

The Wildcats wasted little time in taking advantage of the reprieve. Moving from their own 20, PRCC drove briskly down the field in seven plays, getting a touchdown pass from Daniel Forrest to Donovan Morgan. The Warriors blocked the conversion, but PRCC led 6-0 with 3:54 to play int he first quarter.

East Central tied it up early in the second quarter, taking advantage of a Wildcat mistake. Defensive end J.E. Haynes got his hands on a pass by back-up quarterback Garrett Tapper and reeled the pass in for an interception, then rumbled 25 yards to the Wildcats 5.

Kentay Eiland ran three times for the score, getting in from a yard out. Osley's kick was blocked, but ECCC had it tied with 10:32 to play before halftime.

After an exchange of punts, Pearl River embarked on what would prove to be the winning touchdown drive, going 90 yards in 13 plays. A pass interference penalty on a third down play from midfield kept the drive alive, then Forrest hit Jonathan Eiland for a 20-yard scoring strike. Greg Bryant's PAT made it 13-6 with 1:21 to play in the period.

A short kickoff, however, gave the Warriors the ball at midfield. A 9-yard pass to Josh Viverette, plus a 15-yard penalty for roughing the passer put East Central at the Wildcat 29, and after three consecutive incompletions, Osley nailed a 47-yard field goal with 13 second to play in the half.

Midway through the third quarter, cornerback Pete McBride hauled in a tipped pass at the Warrior 10, and dashed 45 yards to midfield. But a holding penalty moved the ball all the way back to the 10, forcing the Warriors to got he length of the field.

Nevertheless, the Warriors held the ball for 16 plays and nearly seven minutes and thought they had the go-ahead touchdown. East Central got strong running from a host of backs, primarily Horace Glenn, Titus Ryan and Eiland.

Glenn led the Warriors with 97 yards on 16 carries. Ryan had 75 yards on 17 caries and Eiland had 52 yards on 17 runs. In all, ECCC ran for 218 yards.

The Warriors converted a fourth down on their long march, with Eiland picking up 5 yards to the Wildcat 21. Then, after a motion penalty and a 3-yard loss moved the ball back to the 29, Ryan burst 18 yards to the 11, and Eiland plunged a yard to a first-and-goal from the 10.

Germaine Smith then burst up the middle and into the end zone for an apparent score. But the Warriors were flagged for holding, and on third down, Marcus Hibbler was stripped of the ball and Glentrelle Ware recovered for Pearl River.

The Warriors held and got the ball back at their own 10 again with 9:31 to play in the game. The Warriors drove as far as the Wildcat 35, but a motion penalty on a fourth-and-5 forced the Warriors into a passing situation, and Stephens rushed pass fell incomplete.

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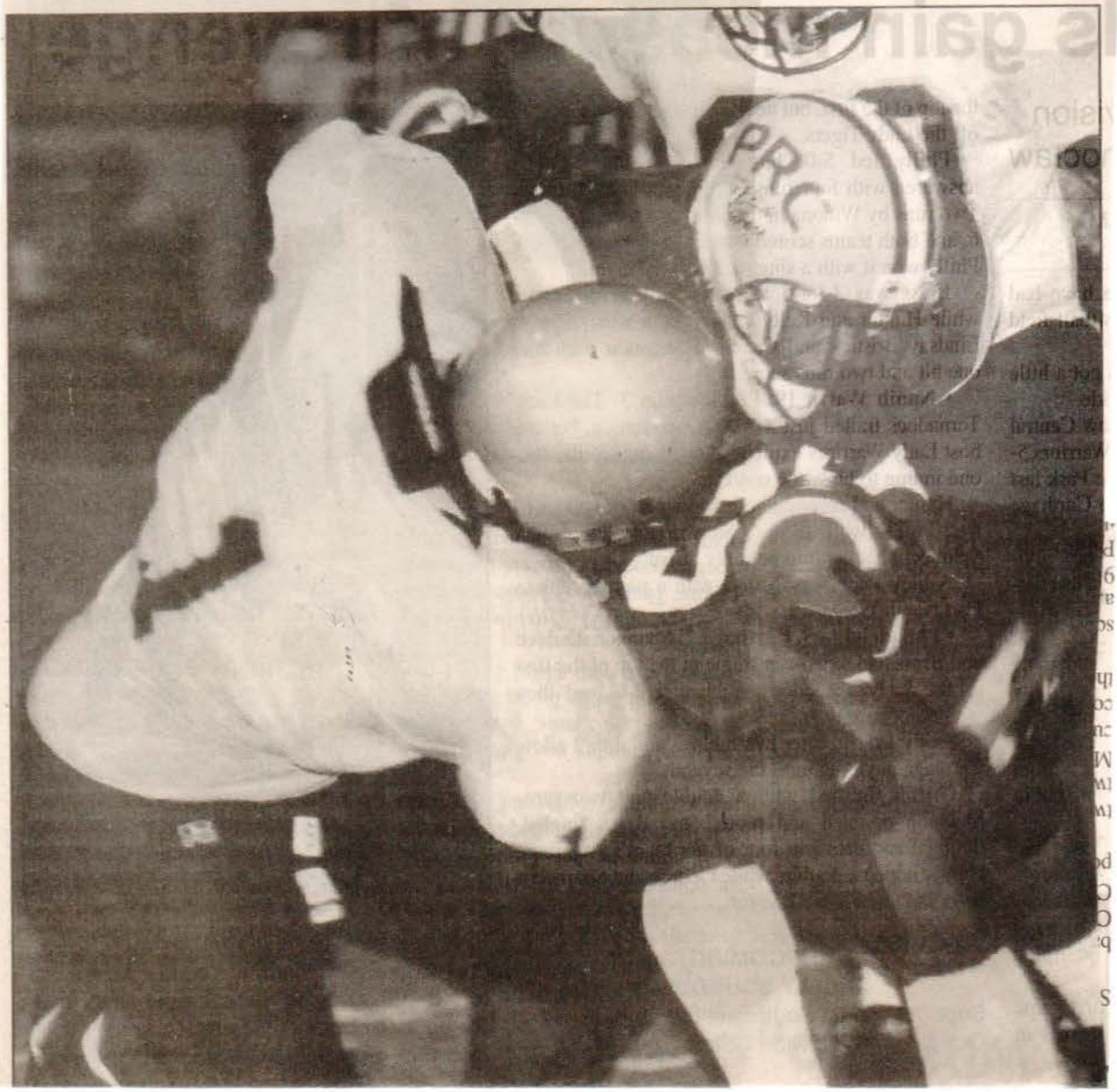

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MACJC Standings

North Division

	Division	Overall
Holmes	1-0	3-0
Northeast	1-0	3-0
Itawamba	1-0	1-2
Coahoma	0-0	1-2
East Miss.	0-1	1-2
Miss. Delta	0-1	0-3
Northwest	0-1	0-3

South Division

	Division	Overall
Hinds	1-0	3-0
Gulf Coast	1-0	2-1
Pearl River	1-0	2-1
Jones	0-0	3-0
Co-Lin	0-1	1-2
Southwest	0-1	1-2
East Central	0-1	0-3

Last week's results

Pearl River 13, East Central 9
Northeast 3, East Mississippi 0
Hinds 17, Southwest 14
Holmes 24, Miss. Delta 3
Itawamba 6, Northwest 5
Gulf Coast 16, Copiah-Lincoln 7
Jones County 33, Coahoma 0

Thursday's games

Gulf Coast at East Central
Holmes at Coahoma
Jones County at Copiah-Lincoln
East Mississippi at Itawamba
Northwest at Miss. Delta
Northeast at Southwest
Pearl River at Hinds

*Results are through games played the weekend of Sept. 19-21.

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WEEK OF Sept 23, 2002

EC loses at Pearl River

You ever knocked on a door only to find no one home? That's becoming a far too familiar feeling for the East Central Community College Warriors this fall.

EC fell to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the MACJC South Division with a 13-9 loss to Pearl River Thursday at Poplarville. PRCC improved to 2-1 and 1-0.

"We were able to move the ball, possess the ball and keep their offense off the field," said Warriors' coach Terry Underwood. "But we couldn't get it in the end zone when we had the opportunity."

EC got into the red zone three times, but had only one touchdown and a field goal to show for it. The Warriors had drives of 16 and 18 plays that failed to produce points.

The Warriors drove from their 34 to the PRCC on their first possession only to come away empty when Travis Osley missed a 33-yard field goal attempt.

The Wildcats drove 80 yards in seven plays, getting a touchdown pass from Daniel Forrest to Donovan Morgan with 3:54 left in the first quarter. The Warriors blocked the extra point.

EC drew even at 6-6 early in the second quarter after defensive end J.E. Haynes picked off a Wildcat pass and ran 25 yards to the 5. Kentay Eiland scored from a yard out with 10:32 left in the first half. Osley's kick was blocked.

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The Warriors got the ball back at their own 10 with 9:31 to play in the game. They drove to the Wildcat 35, but a motion penalty on a fourth-and-5 forced the Warriors into a passing situation and Stephens' rushed pass fell incomplete.

EC hosts Gulf Coast Thursday night with kickoff set for 6:30.

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WEEK OF Sept 30, 2002

Ryan's Touchdown run in overtime gives ECCC first win of the season

Titus Ryan's 18-yard run in overtime lifted East Central Community College to its first win of the 2002 campaign, a 28-21 decision over Gulf Coast Community College Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

The South Division matchup, originally scheduled for Thursday night, was moved to the weekend because of tropical storm Isidore

The Warriors, who scored on the first possession in the extra period, sealed the win after defensive end Ken Triplett of Louisville sacked Gulf Coast quarterback Kalvin Woods of Pass Christian for a 13-yard loss on fourth and nine from the Warrior 14-yard line. East Central missed an opportunity to win the division matchup in regulation, but Travares Osley's 27-yard field goal attempt with fourseconds left was wide right.

The Warriors had received possession late in the contest when defensive tackle Arrion Triplett of Louisville recovered a Bulldog fumble at the Gulf Coast 20-yard line with 44 seconds left inregulation

The Warriors, who improved to 1-3 overall and1-1 in league play, nevertrailed to the visiting Bulldogs (2-2, 1-1) and appeared to be on their way to a blowout after jumping out to an early 14-0 lead.

East Central got its first points midway in the first stanza on a four-yard scoring strike from quarterback Kevin Stephens of Troy, Ala., to wide receiver John Cole, a product of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School. Osley, who hails from Hueytown, Ala., kicked the PAT. Key plays on the six-play, 47-yard drive included a 27-yard pass reception from Stevens to wide receiver Marcus Hibbler of Louisville to the 20-yard line, and a nine-yard gain by full-

Photo by Wesley Ellis

An ECCC Warrior gets away from pressure caused by an unknown Gulf Coast defender.

which gave EC possession on the Gulf Coast 10. Credit for the score can also be given to cornerback Jarvis Lymon of Foley, Ala., and free safety Adrian Eiland of Louisville. Lymon blocked a 19-yard field goal attempt by Bulldog Brett Walton of Gulfport, and Eiland scooped up the pigskin and returned it 53 yards to the Bulldog 47-yard line.

East Central scored again late in the period on Ryan's three-yard run, capping an eight-play, 54-yard march. Osley added the PAT.

Key plays on the drive included Ryan's 14-yard run to the Gulf Coast 32 and his 11-yard pass reception from Stevens, which gave EC possession at the Bulldog 22.

interference call. After a scoreless second quarter, Gulf Coast rallied for two scores in the third quarter. The first came on a 16-yard pass from quarterback DeShun Carmichael of Pascagoula to wide receiver Tremaine Moore of MossPoint.

Walton added the PAT. The drive covered 47 yards and took just eight plays.

A key play on the drive was a 13-yard strike from Carmichael to Moore on fourth and seven, which gave the Bulldogs possession at the EC 11-yard line.

The Bulldogs tied the score on their next possession when running back Andrew Moffett of Pass Christian burst through the Warrior defense on a 50-yard scamper to pay dirt. Walton booted the PAT.

East Central regained the lead la[illegible] third period on Keritay Eiland's fo[illegible] run. Osley again booted the PAT. T[illegible] was set up when cornerback Pete M[illegible] a sophomore from Forest, intercep[illegible] Bulldog pass at the Gulf Coast [illegible] returned the pigskin 37 yards. The B[illegible] took the ensuing kickoff and marc[illegible] yards in nine plays, with Carmichael [illegible] the end zone on a two-yard plunge. W[illegible] PAT deadlocked the score at 21-[illegible] eventually sent the contest into over[illegible]

A key play on the drive was a [illegible] pass from Carmichael to wide r[illegible] Jason Morgan of Long Beach, whic[illegible] the Bulldogs possession on the War[illegible] yard line. East Central had its best a[illegible] performance on the season, compil[illegible] yards in total offense. Stevens co[illegible] nine of 19 passes for 108 yards a[illegible] touchdown.

Hibbler was the leading receiv[illegible] four catches for 56 yards. Ryan led E[illegible] ers with 101 yards on 18 carries and [illegible] twice. Glenn added 54 yards on nine [illegible] Gulf Coast had 409 yards total [illegible] Carmichael completed 15 of 30 pa[illegible] 200 yards and one score. Moffet[illegible] leading ground gainer with 87 y[illegible] eight carries and one tally.

The Warriors will be home[illegible] guests of Copiah-Lincoln Com[illegible] College this Saturday. Kickoff is set [illegible] p.m. on the Wesson campus. The W[illegible] 3) fell 45-3 to Jones County Junior [illegible] last week.

All ECCC football games can b[illegible] on WSSI-FM (98.3) in C[illegible] featuring veteran sportscaster [illegible] Goodwin and game analyst Gilbert [illegible]

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WEEK OF Sept 30, 2002

ECCC picks up first victory

By Marty Stamper
EMG Sports Assistant

DECATUR — It wasn't until Ken Triplett slammed Gulf Coast quarterback Kalvin Woods to the turf for a 13-yard loss on fourth-and-9 from the 13 that the East Central Community College Warriors could celebrate their 28-21 overtime win over the Bulldogs Saturday afternoon.

But after losing their first three games, the last two by seven and four-point margins, the Warriors were just glad to be the ones celebrating.

"When you've lost three times in a row, things start snowballing on you," ECCC head Terry Underwood said. "Being 0-3, it's easier when you haven't won before to lay down and our kids didn't. They kept fighting and found a way to win.

"It's something we've been looking for and something we needed. It's a big win for us and hopefully something we can build on."

It looked like the Warriors would have an easy time in the early going as they led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter on a 4-yard touchdown toss from Kevin Stephens to John Cole and a 3-yard run by Titus Ryan in the first 15 minutes.

ECCC outgained the Bulldogs 168-111 in the first half, but was unable to expand its lead after losing two fumbles and throwing an interception.

None were bigger than a blocked 22-yard field goal attempt on the Bulldogs' first possession. The ball caromed into Adrian Eiland's hands and he raced 52 yards to put the Warriors in business at Gulf Coast 47. Six plays later, Stephens teamed with Cole for a 4-yard scoring toss.

Stacey Lewis had a fumble recovery and Pete McBride picked off a Bulldog pass in the first half.

Gulf Coast owned the second half, outgaining the Warriors 182-66 over the third and fourth quarters. The Bulldogs drew even at 14-14 with 3:37 left in the third quarter on a 50-yard scoring run by Andrew Moffett following a 16-yard touchdown toss from DeShun Carmichael to Andrew Moffett.

McBride helped the Warriors reclaim the lead when he picked off his second pass of the day and returned it 38 yards to the 4. Kentay Eiland scored on the next play to put the Warriors up 21-14 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs pulled back even at 21-21 on a 2-yard sneak by Carmichael with 11:19 to go in regulation.

The Warriors had a chance to win in the final minute when Carmichael lost a fumble at his 13 with 32 seconds left. Travares Osley's 27-yard field goal attempt as time ran out was wide right following three straight Bulldog timeouts.

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WEEK OF Sept 30, 2002

Tigers open road campaign with 14-7 win over East Central

DECATUR, Miss. -- For the second straight week the Northeast Tigers played a field position football game and came out on top.

Using a stifling defense and a precision kicking game, the Tigers defeated the East Central Warriors 14-7.

With the win, the Tigers are off to a 2-0 start for the first time since the 1989 campaign, when they opened with wins over East Central and Coahoma.

Following a series punts from Northeast's Brandon Roberson and East Central's Jeremiah Gillette, Northeast opened the scoring with a reverse that ended with Chris Kelley finding pay dirt from 6-yards out. A bad snap on the extra point play resulted in place kicker Hal Kerstetter attempting to run it in for a two-point conversion. The play failed and Northeast led 6-0 at halftime.

The punters continued to battle in the second half. After Roberson punted the Warriors (0-2) down inside their own one-yard line, Northeast's defense stripped the ball from Kentay Eiland on the second and nine play. The Tigers were credited with a safety and an 8-0 lead when the ball rolled through the back of the end zone with 3:29 to play in the third quarter.

With 13:06, left in the game Tiger cornerback Lee Hayes picked of a Kevin Stevens pass and returned it to the Warrior 28 yard line. Three minutes and one second later fullback John Hicks scored from four yards out. Kerstetter's PAT attempt was wide right.

On its ensuing possession, East Central got on the scoreboard with a 23-yard touchdown pass from Stevens to Eiland. Travares Osley's extra point cut the Tiger lead to 14-7 with 8:16 remaining in the game.

Both teams missed on opportunities to score later in the quarter.

For Northeast Kerstetter was one yard short on a 44-yard field goal attempt and a Tyus Jackson interception return for a touchdown was negated by a clipping call.

East Central recovered a Matthew Stephenson fumble at the Tiger 44 yard line with 3:07 to play, but two plays later Stevens' second down pass was deflected and intercepted by Eric Holcombe. The Tigers ran out the clock from that point to earn the win.

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East Central takes 28-21 overtime win over Coast

by Marty Stamper

There was joy in Decatur Saturday afternoon as the East Central Community College Warriors got their first win of 2002 with a 28-21 overtime victory over Mississippi Gulf Coast in a South Division contest that was delayed from Thursday due to Tropical Storm Isidore.

It wasn't until Ken Triplett slammed Gulf Coast quarterback Kalvin Woods to the turf for a 13-yard loss on fourth-and-9 from the 13 that the Warriors could celebrate evening their division record at 1-1 and improving to 1-3 overall.

"When you've lost three times in a row, things start snowballing on you," EC head Terry Underwood said. "Being 0-3, it's easier when you haven't won before to lay down and our kids didn't. They kept fighting and found a way to win.

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EC outgained the Bulldogs 168-111 in the first half, but was unable to expand its lead after losing two fumbles and throwing an interception.

"I thought we should have been up 21 or 28 to nothing," Underwood said. "They drove the ball on us some in the first half, but we stiffened in the red zone and made some big plays."

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"We were sort of going through the motions until we got the interception," Underwood said. "Pete set up the touchdown and we got a little something back in us then."

The Bulldogs pulled back even at 21-21 on a 2-yard sneak by Carmichael with 11:19 to go in regulation.

The Warriors had a chance to win in the final minute when Carmichael lost a fumble at his 13 with 32 seconds left. Travares Osley's 27-yard field goal attempt as time ran out was wide right following three straight Bulldog timeouts.

In overtime, it took the Warriors only two plays to score as Ryan scooted 19 yards to the end zone.

Ryan had 87 yards on 18 carries.

EC improved to 1-1 in the MACJC South Division and 1-3 overall. The Warriors visit Copiah-Lincoln next Saturday. Gulf Coast fell to 1-1 and 2-2.

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East Central Community College head coach Terry Underwood, right, and strong safety John Hope watch the action on the field during a recent game. East Central hosts Co-Lin Saturday.

Warriors looking for second win at Co-Lin

By Marty Stamper

EMG sports assistant

After picking up their first win of the 2002 season last week over Mississippi Gulf Coast, the East Central Community College Warriors will be out to get their second victory Saturday at Capitals-Lincoln Kickoff for the Wolves' homecoming at Stone Stadium in Wesson is set for 2:30 p.m.

The MACJC South Division contest could be dubbed the Disability Bowl as both teams have lost several key players due to injuries. The Wolves are down to 46 players from a 55-man roster.

"I talked to (Co-Lin) coach (David) Poinsett and he said they had seven starters out due to injuries and four of them were knees," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "We've got six people out and five of them are knees. Both of us seem like we've been very unfortunate with the injury bug this year so far."

In last week's 45-3 loss to Jones, the Wolves were held to minus-9 yards rushing on 32 carries.

"Offensively, we need to get better," Poinsett said. "We must have the ability to drive the ball and keep our defense off the field."

"I personally think Co-Lin has got a really good team," Underwood said. "I have very easily beaten Gulf Coast. It was 16-7.

"The only team that's really handled them was Jones and watching the film, Jones' offense scores three points on the first half and they're up 24-0. The defense picked up a fumble for a touchdown, the punt returner returned a punt for a touchdown, and there was a deflected pass that a receiver caught and went all the way. Jones got three quick scores that took Co-Lin completely out of the game.

"Jones may be just a little bit better than everybody else I've seen and Co-Lin is still a really good team. We've got our hands full with it being their homecoming."

The Warriors needed overtime, but posted their first win last week, beating Gulf Coast 28-21.

"Our atmosphere has been better because we're coming off our first win," Underwood said. "Our kids were excited about the win. It was better to go out this week with a win under our belt and better to go out knowing that you're still in contention for a possible playoff spot. Our kids have had a good attitude and we did feel a little bit better going out to practice this week than we did in previous weeks."

Hurricane Lili could dump a lot of water on the field before Saturday's contest.

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ECCC falls to Wolves

From school reports

Two late scores with less than four minutes remaining propelledCopiah-Lincoln Community College to a stunning 34-31 homecoming win over East Central Community College on a sultry Saturday afternoon in Wesson.

The Warriors, who rallied from an early 14-0 deficit, had taken a 31-21 lead when speedster Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County scampered 72 yards to pay dirt with 4:16 remaining in the South Division battle.

The Wolves found the end zone about a minute later when quarterback Bruce Petty of Marrero, La., connected with wide receiver Billy Williams of Brookhaven for a 64-yard touchdown pass.

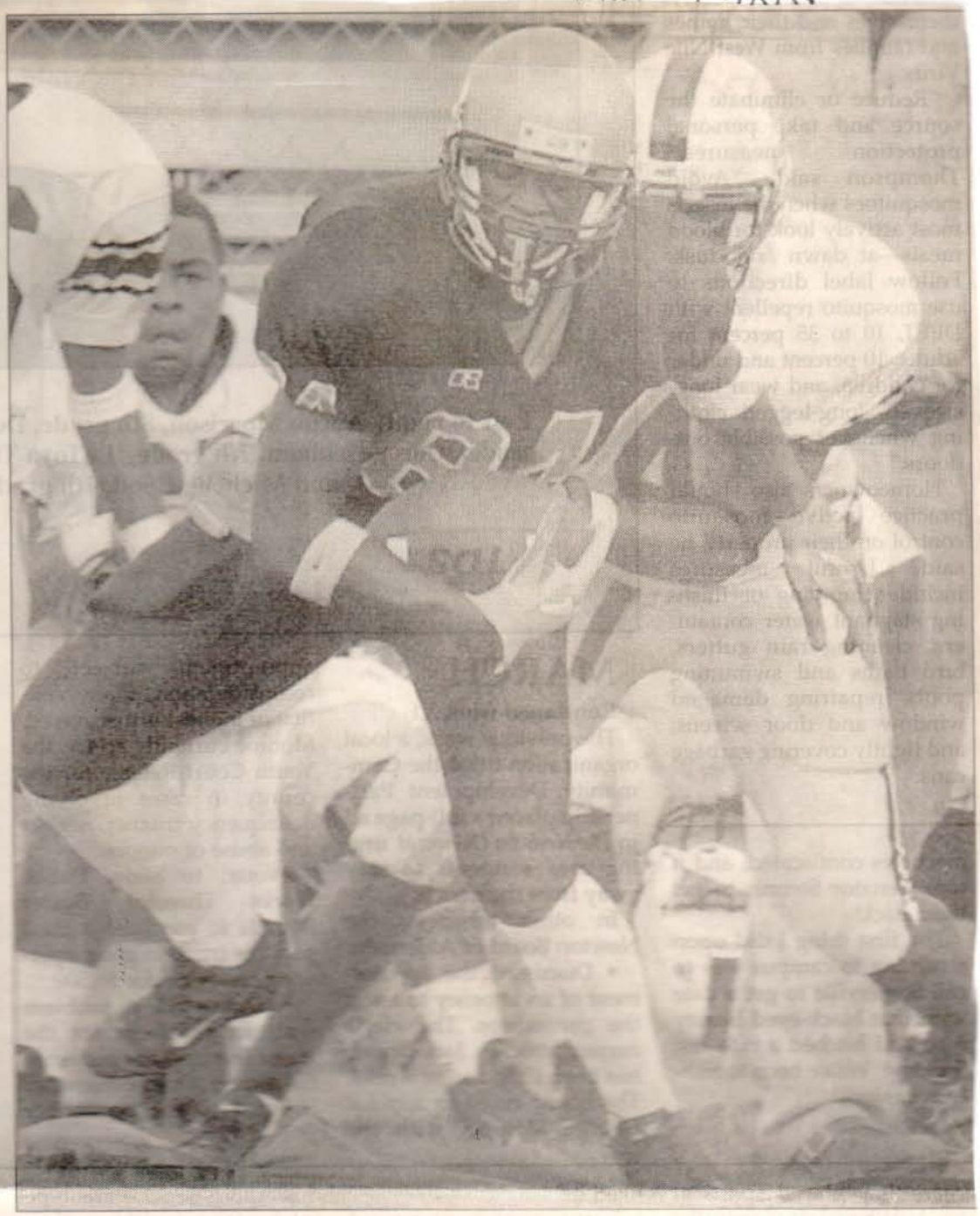
On the ensuing kickoff, East Central defenders lined up in anticipation of an onside kick, but kicker Jimbo Thornton of Florence floated the pigskin over the Warrior front wall and Co-Lin,s Don Expose of Brookhaven made the recovery at the EC 20-yard line.

Four plays later Petty fired a five-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Corey Payne of Magee with a minute left. Thornton missed his first PAT of the afternoon but the Wolves held a three-point advantage with a minute remaining.

East Central took possession on its own 24 following the Co-Lin kickoff, but any hopes of a rally were snuffed out when quarterback Kevin Stephens of Troy, Ala., was intercepted on fourth and 20 with 18 seconds left.

Co-Lin, which improved to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the division, grabbed an early lead when Jonathan Walker of Mendenhall returned the opening kickoff 94 yards for a score.

The Wolves extended their



East Central Community College's John cole (84) moves toward the goal after catching a pass against Holmes in recent action. The Warriors host Jones on Thursday night. (Photo by Paula Merritt).

capping a 24-yard drive set up by a Warrior fumble.

East Central got its offense clicking in the second quarter, as Stephens found Ryan on a 31-yard touchdown strike with just less than three minutes left before halftime. Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala., added the PAT. The scoring drive covered 57 yards and took just six plays.

East Central would later close the scoring gap to 14-10 when Ken Triplett of Louisville boomed a 45-yard field goal with 39 seconds left before intermission. War-

at the East Central 41-yard line.

The Warriors took their first lead of the game in the third stanza on a 43-yard pass play from Stephens to wide receiver Ronald Smith of Daphne, Ala. Osley added the PAT.

East Central extended its lead to 24-14 early in the final stanza when wide receiver Marcus Hibbler of Louisville tallied on a 30-yard end-around, capping a 70-yard march in just three plays. Osley added the PAT. The key play of the drive was a 37-yard gallop by fullback Horace Glenn of

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East Central boots Jones in triple OT

By Mike Christensen
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DECATUR — The last kick of a long night wobbled into the damp sky and drifted wide left of the goalpost, setting off a wild celebration at Warrior Field.

East Central, a team that couldn't seem to catch a break this season, found some redemption Thursday night by shocking No. 2-ranked Jones County 6-3 in triple overtime.

Travares Osley's 23-yard field goal to start the third OT gave East Central a 6-3 lead.

Moments later, Jones' Nicholas Terracina, who endured a tough night, missed from 39 yards.

Before the kick even plopped to the muddy ground in the end zone, East Central players were streaming onto the field, soon to be joined by the school band and dozens of fans.

ECCC improved to 2-4 overall and 2-2 in the South Division with its second OT win of the year.

Jones slipped to 5-1 and 2-1.

Terracina, 4-for-8 on field goals coming in, missed three in the overtime periods and another just before the end of regulation.

How ironic. East Central had been the snake-bit team this fall. The Warriors led Copiah-Lincoln last week by 10 points with 4 minutes to play but committed two costly turnovers and lost 34-31.

"We had five starters hurt in our first game, and four of them are still out," coach Terry Underwood said. "That's caused us to do some shuffling of players, play some guys we weren't counting on to play so early."

Ramon Williams, the Warriors' top returning running back, was one of those who went down with a knee injury in the opener. He returned Thursday but wasn't effective.

"The thing I'm most proud of is that the kids haven't thrown in the towel," Underwood said. "We haven't quit."

That was evident Thursday.

Saturated field conditions at Warrior Stadium led to a rash of turnovers, and a plethora of penalties made things that much sloppier.

The two top offensive teams in the state couldn't score a touchdown between them.

Not that they didn't keep the East Central fans on the edge of their seats, anticipating one break that might bring about the upset.

Terracina hit the right post on a 20-yard field goal try with just under 10 seconds left, sending the game into overtime.

Terracina had lined up for a 28-yard attempt at 4:22 of the final period, but a high snap foiled that try.

Jones dominated most of the game. The Bobcats' steely defense — led by Derrick Ducksworth, Kenny Covington and Robert Phillips — held ECCC to 118 yards. Jones moved the ball on offense (205 yards) but turned the ball over five times.

Hours before the game, Underwood expressed his concerns.

"They'll be the best team we've played to this point, by far," Underwood said. "They're very solid in all areas. They're well-coached, and they're playing with an awful lot of confidence right now. You can tell that just from looking at the film."

Jones started with a couple of close wins but had won their last three by a total of 89 points heading into the ECCC game.

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East Central knocks off nationally ranked JCJC

CHARGING AHEAD - ECCC's Ramon Williams looks to cut up field against Jones' Demarcus Moody in Thursday night's game at Decatur. Photo by Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

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In the third overtime, a 10-yard pass from Stephens to Smith and an 8-yard run by Ramon Williams set up Osley's game-winner from 23 yards out.

An incomplete third-and-7 pass from the 22 forced the Bobcats to try a possible tying kick from 38 yards out, but Terracina's effort was wide left.

It was another costly Warrior game as Adrian Eiland (ankle) and Horace Glenn (head) both left the stadium on stretchers.

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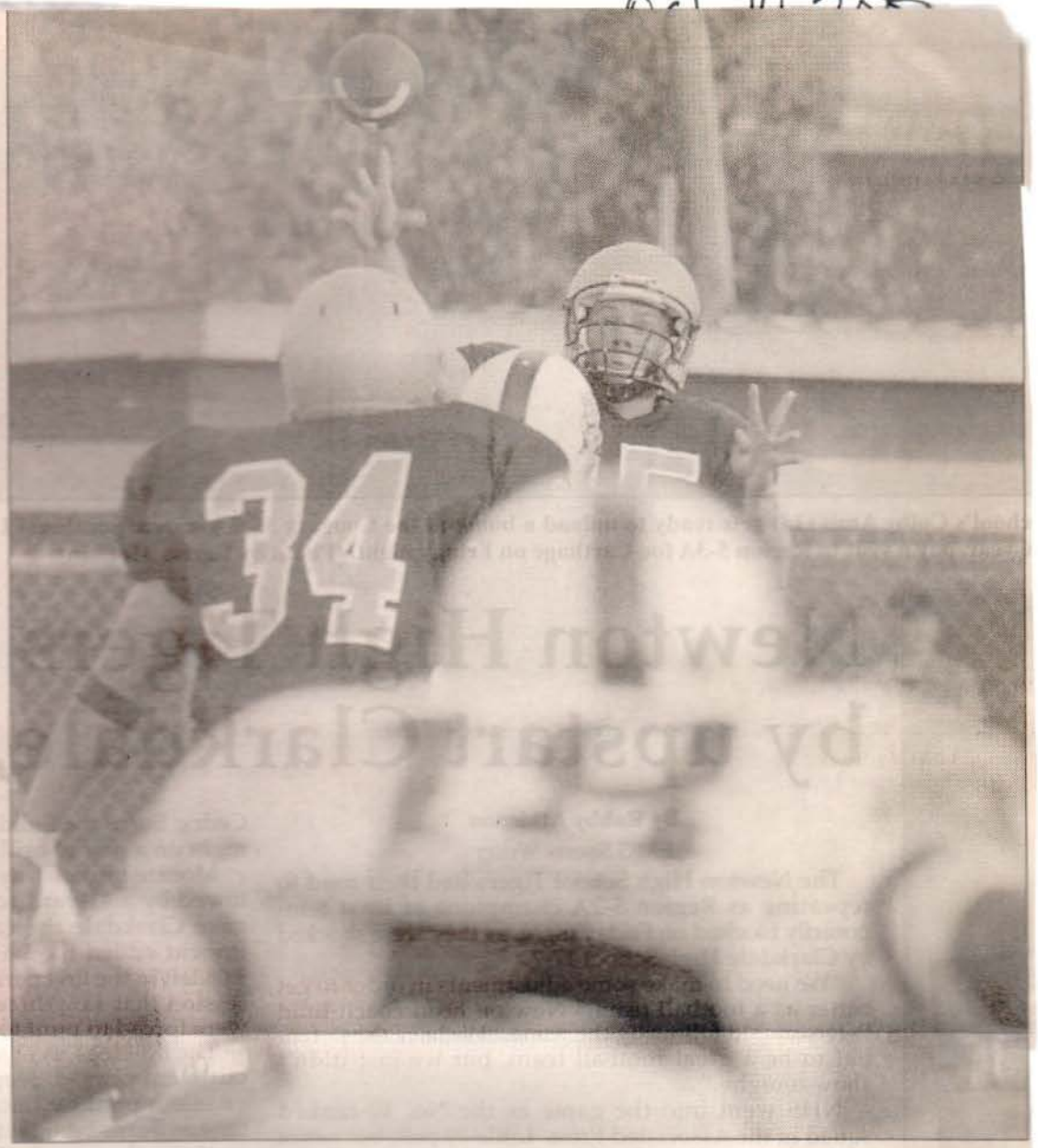

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East Central shocks nationally ranked Jones in triple overtime, looks toward homecoming

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Bobcat place kicker Nicholas racina of Barbe, La., had a chance to d the South Division match-up to a rth overtime but his 39-yard field al missed the mark, sending the rrior coaches, players and fans onto field in wild celebration.

Head coach Terry Underwood was viously elated following the win, ich puts EC's record at 2-4 overall 2-2 in league competition.

"It was a tremendous victory for our gram. To take the number-two team he nation to overtime and come away h a win is further proof of what an tanding coaching staff and group of yers we have at East tral,"Underwood said.

Not only was Jones undefeated and nally ranked, the defending state mpion Bobcats were riding a 15-e win streak.

Underwood also had praise for , a sophomore linebacker from

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Hueytown, Ala., who shares kicking duties with defensive end Ken Triplett of Louisville. Although Osley had missed the mark on a 32-yard field goal, which would have won the game in the second overtime, Underwood said he did not hesitate to call on him for another attempt.

"Osley feeds off this type of pressure. He always has a positive attitude and is very confident of his abilities. He told me he could make the kick and I knew he could do it, too," Underwood said.

Triplett, who nailed a 45-yard field goal in the Warriors last-minute loss to Copiah-Lincoln on October 5, missed a 49-yarder in the first overtime period.

Jones, now 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the South, missed on golden opportunities to win the contest in overtime and at the end of regulation. Terracina's 27-yard field goal attempt in the first overtime period was wide left, and his 20-yard effort with 9.6 seconds left in regulation hit the uprights. He also missed a 36-yarder in double overtime.

Both teams struggled offensively, with the only points in regulation coming on field goals in the second period. Terracina connected on a 27-yarder with just over seven minutes remaining until halftime, and Osley was also successful from 27 yards on his boot with four seconds left before the break.

Prior to the division clash, Jones was rated the state's top offensive unit, averaging 338.2 yards. East Central was ranked second with 299.8 yards per contest. But due to the wet field, turnovers, a barrage of penalties and a lot of hard-nosed defense played by both squads, the Bobcats could manage just 202 yards total offense and the Warriors had 118 yards total.

Defensively, Osley led the Warriors from his linebacker spot with 23 tackles, three assists and a fumble recovery, in addition to kicking two field goals.

Other top defenders were linebacker Stacey Lewis of Neshoba Central, 14 tackles and five assists; linebacker Josh Viverette of Lake, 13 tackles and two assists; strong safety John Hope of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, five tackles, two fumble recoveries and one interception; and cornerback Pete McBride of Forest, seven tackles and one assist.

The upset victory was bittersweet for East Central, as two key players from Louisville were sidelined due to injuries. Free safety Adrian Eiland suffered a broken leg early in the third period and running back Horace Glenn left the game by ambulance in the first overtime period. The extent of his injuries was not known at press time.

East Central observes Homecoming this week, with the Warriors taking on Hinds Community College in a 2:30 p.m. kickoff.

The Eagles are 3-2 overall and 1-2 in the division prior to their Saturday match-up with Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Raymond. East Central defeated Hinds 25-16 last year in Raymond.

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Northeast dispatches Delta; East Central overtakes Hinds

From Special Reports

Northeast took advantage of Mississippi Delta mistakes Saturday to post an 18-0 victory at Moorhead.

By hammering out a win in a continual rain, the Tigers maintained a firm grip on first place in the North Division.

In the first quarter, Northeast recovered a fumble on the Trojans' 15-yard line and marched quickly to a touchdown. Quarterback Brett Borden scored on a 4-yard run.

In the second quarter, the Tigers converted an interception in Trojans' territory into Borden's 7-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Seago. In the fourth quarter, the Trojans botched a punt from their 4-yard line. The Tigers took over at the 15, and Borden found Chris Kelly for a 9-yard TD pass.

ROUNDUP

Northeast, 6-1 and 4-0, faces Holmes, 6-1 and 3-1, on Thursday night at Booneville with first place in the North on the line.

Delta fell to 2-5 and 1-3.

East Central 23, Hinds 20

Ronald Smith's miraculous catch of a tipped Kevin Stephens pass in the end zone with 8 minutes, 15 seconds left lifted the Warriors to a South Division victory on homecoming in Decatur.

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East Central receiver Titus Ryan (left) fends off Hinds' Narada Taylor as he scores on a 2-point conversion pass following Josh Viverett's 58-yard touchdown Saturday.

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Northwest 53, East Miss. 17

Quarterback Bobby Robison threw six touchdown passes to lead the Rangers, 3-4 and 3-2 North, at Scooba. He completed 24 of 40 passes for 315 yards.

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"At halftime, we challenged our team by asking them which defense was going to step up and win the ballgame. Our defense stepped up and our offense did what it had to do to win."

The second half saw Hinds outgain the Warriors 141-113, but the Eagles only managed 31 yards in the fourth quarter and did not score in the second half.

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Zingery missed a 32-yard field goal with 6:08 to go in the third quarter and John Hope ended another Hinds drive with an interception at the ECCC 32.

The Warriors covered 75 yards on their game-winning drive with an offsides penalty on Hinds on fourth-and-1 at the ECCC 48 keeping the drive alive.

Hinds had one final shot at forcing overtime, but Zingery's 40-yard field goal bid landed harmlessly near the flag pole in the north end zone.

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Jones sinks Hinds on late FG

From Special Reports

JUCO ROUNDUP

Jones Junior College marched from its 25-yard line to Hinds' 23 in the closing moments Saturday at Raymond, setting the stage for Nicholas Terracina's 40-yard field goal with 19 seconds left that gave the Bobcats a dramatic 17-14 victory.

Jones improved to 6-2 and 3-2 in the South Division, staying alive for a playoff berth. Hinds fell to 4-4 and 2-2.

Jones scored first in the second quarter on Aaron Leak's 66-yard touchdown pass to Tyrone Henry. Hinds answered just before halftime on Terrance Matthews' 17-yard touchdown pass to Darius Wilson.

The Bobcats took a 14-7 lead in the third quarter on Randy Craft's 21-yard touchdown interception return. The Eagles tied it in the fourth quarter on Mason Denham's 3-yard touchdown run.

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Northwest 34, East Central 33

Bobby Robison threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Kenyaki Sanders to tie the game in the fourth quarter and found Sanders again for a 3-yard score in overtime to hoist the Rangers, 4-4, at Senatobia.

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Robison completed 19 of 39 passes for 236 yards and five TDs, while Williams rushed 21 times for 190 yards and 4 TDs.

Itawamba 36, Delta 33

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Finley passed for 246 yards and 3 TDs as the Indians moved to 4-4 and 3-2.

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East 28, Coahoma 26

East Mississippi moved to 3-5 and 2-4 in the North at Clarksdale. Coahoma fell to 2-6 and 1-4.

JUCO FOOTBALL

MACJC/REGION 23

STANDINGS

North	Div	All
Northeast	5-0	7-1
Northwest	4-2	4-4
Holmes	3-2	6-2
Itawamba	3-2	4-4
Coahoma	1-4	2-6
Mississippi Delta	1-4	2-6
East Mississippi	2-4	3-5
South		
Pearl River	5-0	6-2
Jones	3-2	6-2
Gulf Coast	3-2	4-4
East Central	3-3	3-5
Copiah-Lincoln	2-3	3-5
Hinds	2-4	4-4
Southwest	0-5	2-6

Thursday's Results
Northeast 7, Holmes 6
Copiah-Lincoln 16, Southwest 10

Saturday's Results
Jones 17, Hinds 14
Northwest 34, East Central 33, OT
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Thursday's Games
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End regular season

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Hinds (4-4)	0	7	0	7	— 14

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NORTHWEST 34, EAST CENTRAL 33

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PEARL RIVER 42, GULF COAST 41

Pearl River (6-2)	7	7	7	21	— 42
Gulf Coast (4-4)	10	7	14	10	— 41

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ECCC Warriors knock off Hinds

By Marty Stamper
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The win keeps ECCC in the playoff chase and knocks Hinds out for the second straight year.

The contest was one of big play after big play as Hinds had 16 gains of 10 yards or better and ECCC having 10.

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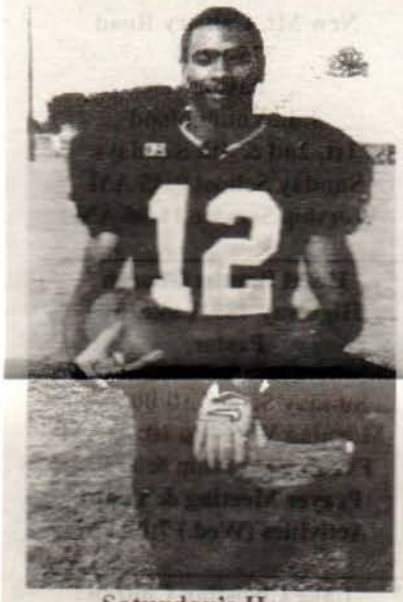

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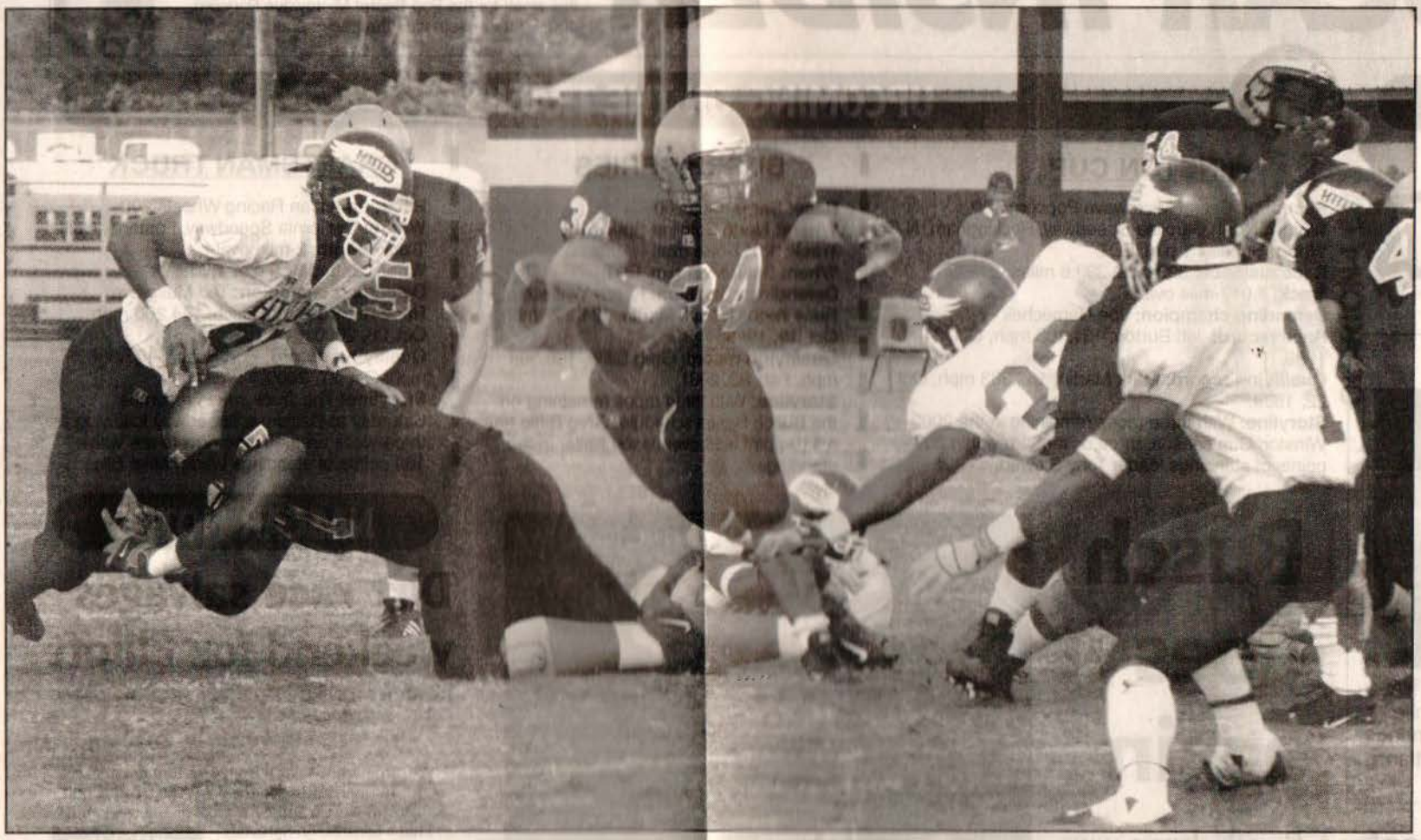

Photo by Travis Mitchell

East Central's Ramon Williams (34) finds a hole in this file photo from the Warriors' win over Hinds two weeks ago. Williams, who has fought the injury bug for much of the season, ran for a career-high four touchdowns in ECCC's 34-33 overtime loss at Northwest last Saturday.

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The Warriors, 3-5 overall and 3-2 in the South Division, will now set their sights on defeating Southwest Mississippi Thursday night at Summit. A win over the Bears (2-6, 0-5) will send ECCC to the state playoffs for the second-straight year. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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Northwest got on the scoreboard early in the second period when Robison fired a 5-yard strike to wide receiver Jamaal Jackson.

The Warriors responded with a 1-yard plunge by Williams, which was set up when Warrior cornerback Pete McBride intercepted a Robison pass at the Ranger 8 late in first-half action. Swayze was again successful on the PAT and East Central took a 21-7 halftime lead to the dressing room.

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Football brothers have Wrig

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When freshman rush end Adam Wright of Winston Academy plays football for the East Central Community College Warriors, he not only has the coaches watching every move he makes, he also has his older brother, Wesley, a sophomore fullback/tight end on the team, making sure he does everything just right.

The same goes for freshman quick guard Michael Wright of Newton whose older brother, Jed, a sophomore, plays noseguard/tackle for East Central.

Since head coach Terry Underwood has been at the College, he said he has "never had brothers playing on the same team at the same time." And certainly he has never had two sets with the same last name!

With four guys named Wright, how do the coaches remember who's who?

"Coach (Tommy) Clopton gets us mixed up sometimes," Michael said.

"But if they want to get on to you, they know your name," said Adam.

Clopton, who coaches the offensive line, doesn't always get on to them though. He had praise for both Wesley and Michael.

"They are both the kind of people that you like to be around. In meetings and practice, you couldn't ask for anyone to perform any better.

They give you everything they've got day in and day and that's all you can ask of anyone," Clopton said.

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With just a year's difference in their ages, Adam and Wesley, began playing together at Winston Academy.

"We started playing together a couple of years ago at Winston," said Adam.

Michael came to East Cen-

Newton High School.

Jed, who also played at Newton, was on the East Central team in 1998, but had a knee injury that kept him from returning for his sophomore season at that time. Now he's back for a second shot.

Do these brothers ever try to outdo each other?

"We hold each other accountable," said Adam.

"We push each other to do well," agreed Wesley.

"You push yourself every play here (in junior college) or you get hurt. Half speed is not a word in this league," Adam said.

With Adam and Jed playing defense and Wesley and Michael on offense, these brothers also have occasion to play against each other

during practice.

"On the field, we line up with one another and push each other," Jed said.

Michael agreed, "It's nice to have someone to try and outdo besides just the other guys on the team."

Wesley added, "Being the oldest, I try to make sure Adam is doing well."

There have been a few times when the brothers 'disagreed' on something.

"Wesley left me at school one day during high school," Adam said. "He said I blind-sided him. I had to call my mom to come and pick me up."

"It was supposed to be a walk-through and he went full speed," Wesley explained.

"I don't know if my mom was more upset with Wesley

leaving me at school or with me for taking a cheap shot!" said Adam.

Both sets of brothers agreed that their parents seemed to enjoy having two children on the team.

"I think they enjoy having kids on both sides of the ball (offense and defense)," said Jed.

"Sometimes my mom will take off work just to come to the game," Adam said.

All of the Wrights have enjoyed winning moments during their careers.

Michael and the Newton Tigers were Division Champions last year and he was selected Second Team All-State.

Jed was selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Game during his senior year at Newton.

After making the game-winning play together in the South State Championship, Wesley and Adam and the Winston Academy Patriots went on to win the State Championship in 2000.

Besides a big win, what's so great about playing football?

"Being on a team and being part of an elite group is the best thing," said Wesley.

Jed agreed. "Not everyone can play at this level. It's great to be a part of the team," he said.

"Everyone is always looking out for you," said Michael.

Perhaps Adam summed it up best when he said, "There are 55 guys on this team who want to win. I'll remember that more than anything else I've learned in school."

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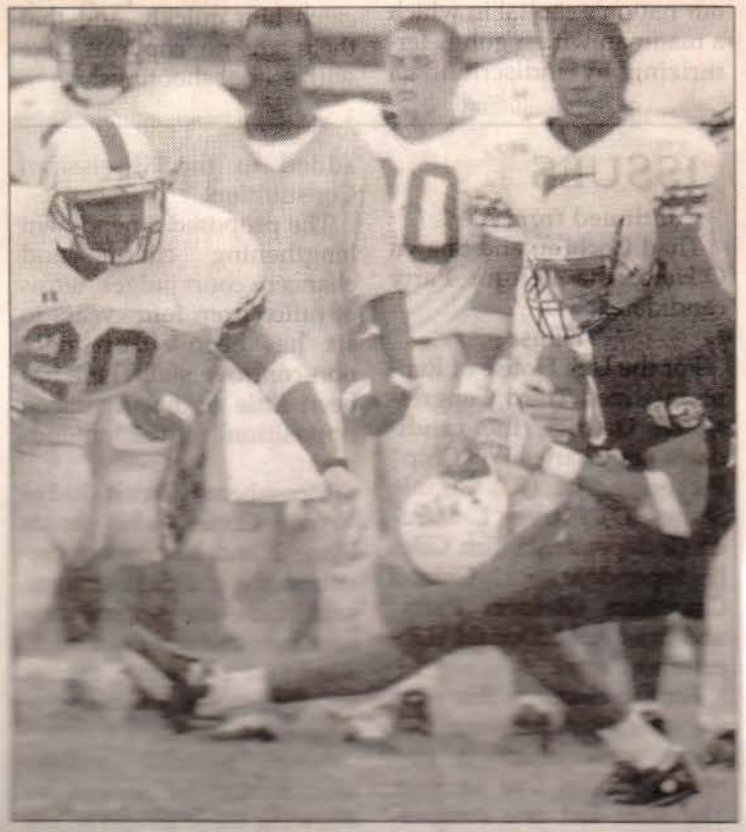

East Central Community College's Ronald Smith (12) of Daphne, Ala., tries to slip by a defender after making a catch against Holmes Community College earlier this season. ECCC visits Southwest in a key game on Thursday night. (Photo by Paula Merritt)

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WEEK OF NOV 4, 2002

Southwest Bumps ECCC Warriors From Playoffs

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WEEK OF Nov 4, 2002

East Central football team tumbles 20-13 to Southwest CC

From staff reports

SUMMIT — Needing a win to advance to the MACJC state football playoffs next week, the East Central Community College Warriors lost 20-13 to Southwest Mississippi Thursday night at Summit.

ECCC's loss means that Jones, a 22-14 winner over Gulf Coast on Thursday, will travel to Northeast Mississippi in Booneville for a first-round game a week from Saturday. Pearl River will host the Holmes-Itawamba winner in the other semifinal.

ECCC, which finished 3-6, led Southwest 13-0 barely 10 minutes into the contest but never scored again.

Titus Ryan scored on a 35-yard run with 11:53 showing in the opening period with Jacob Swayze kicking the extra point.

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WEEK OF Nov 11

ECCC Warriors Among State's Statistical Leaders

He only appeared in five games but East Central Community College running back Ramon Williams still managed to lead the state in rushing yardage per contest for the 2002 campaign. Freshman Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, who was moved from wide receiver to running back after Williams was injured in the season-opener, finished second even though he appeared in only seven games at the running back position.

Williams, a sophomore from Daphne, Ala., gained 528 yards on 90 carries - a 105.6-yard average per game- and scored five touchdowns. He was injured in the season-opening loss to Holmes but returned to the lineup to help EC defeat Jones County and Hinds. Williams had his best outing against Northwest, as the former Brookwood (Ala.) High School standout rushed 192 yards on 20 carries and scored four touchdowns in the Warriors' 34-33 overtime loss to the host Rangers on October 26. In recognition of his stellar performance against Northwest, Williams was named the state's offensive player of the week in MACJC/Region 23 competition. He also finished fourth in individual scoring, averaging six points for each match-up.

Ryan rushed 102 times for 570 yards - an 81.4-yard average for the seven contests - and scored six touchdowns. He ranked third in individual scoring with 6.9 points per contest.

Warrior quarterback Kevin Stephens was also ranked among the state's top signal callers. Stephens, a sophomore from Troy, Ala., finished fourth in pass efficiency with a 117.9 rating. He completed 61 of 118 passes for 931 yards and six touchdowns. He was injured prior to halftime of the Northwest game

East Central had the state's second –best rushing offense, averaging 194.8 yards per contest behind top-ranked Holmes, which averaged 220.4 yards. The Warriors were ranked fifth in total offense, averaging 317.1 yards per game. Northwest had the top offensive unit with a 349.1-yard average.

Defensively, East Central's Travares Osley was recognized as the state's top tackler. Osley, a sophomore linebacker from Hueytown, Ala., had 106 solo stops and 27 assists. Stacey Lewis, a sophomore linebacker form Neshoba Central, was also listed among the top defenders, as he placed fourth with 69 tackles and 28 assists. Sophomore cornerback Pete McBride of Forest tied for third in interceptions with six picks. He was also ranked among the top kickoff returnees, with an average return of 25.5 yards on 13 attempts.

East Central finished third in the South Division standings with a 3-3 record. Although the Warriors were 3-6 overall, head coach Terry Underwood said he was pleased with team's persistence to play hard each week.

"Even though we did not accomplish the majority of goals we set for the season, I was very proud of the team in the way they competed especially considering the adversity we had with the number of injuries sustained by so many good players," Underwood said.

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MOORHEAD — Jay Jones drilled a 35-yard field goal as time expired to deliver Mississippi Delta Community College a 10-7 victory over East Central Community College Saturday afternoon in the semifinals of the MACJC state playoffs at Jim Randall Stadium. ECCC ran 76 plays to just 52 for Delta, but like in the season opener, the Trojans scored late for the win. The Warriors held an 18-6 advantage in first downs. ECCC owned the stats, racking up 249 total yards to just 118 for Delta. The Trojans didn't go over the 100-yard mark until their final possession which was set up by a fumble recovery with 67 seconds remaining.

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WEEK OF Nov 25

Post-Season Honors Presented to ECCC Warriors

Numerous members of the East Central Community College football team were named to the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-State teams following the 2002 campaign.

Those selected first team All-State include running back Ramon Williams of Daphne, Ala.; offensive guard DeMarcus Granger of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; defensive lineman Ken Triplett of Louisville; linebacker Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala.; and defensive back Pete McBride of Forest. Granger was also selected most valuable offensive lineman in the South Division.

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Eight Warriors will represent EC in the annual MACJC All-Star Game, scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 14 at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. All-Stars are offensive linemen DeMarcus Granger, Marcel Binion and Tyrone Barrett; running back Ramon Williams; defensive linemen Ken Triplett and Arrion Triplett; linebacker Travares Osley; and defensive back Pete McBride.

Warrior head football coach Terry Underwood and his staff were selected to coach the South squad. Assistant coaches are Tim Coats, Steve Cheatham, Fred Lyons, Tommy Clopton and DeMarcus Holmes.

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Warriors head coach Terry Underwood and his staff were selected to coach the South squad. Assistant coaches are Tim Coats, Steve Cheatham, Fred Lyons, Tommy Clopton and DeMarcus Holmes.

EC, which finished 3-6 overall and placed third in the South with a 3-3 mark, had the state's second-best rushing offense with a 194.8-yard average per contest. State champion Holmes won the rushing title, averaging 220.4 yards. The Warriors were fourth in total offense.

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WEEK OF Dec 16

Representing East Central Community College in the annual MACJC All-Star Football Game scheduled Saturday, December 14 at Northeast Mississippi Community College are, seated from left, linebacker Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala.; offensive tackle Tyrone Barrett of Bell Glade, Florida; defensive tackle Arrion Triplett of Louisville; and **cornerback Pete McBride of Forest**; and, standing from left, defensive end Ken Triplett of Louisville, offensive tackle Marcel Binion and offensive guard Demarcus Granger, both of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and running back Ramon Williams of Daphne, Ala. Warrior head coach Terry Underwood and his staff directed the South team in the annual match up. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 16

NAMED TO ALL-REGION TEAM—East Central Community College football players Demarcus Granger (left), an offensive guard from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, and linebacker Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala., were named to the All-Region 23 Team following the 2002 campaign. Both players were also selected first team All-State, and Granger was chosen most valuable lineman in the South Division. Osley led the state in tackles with 106 solo stops and 27 assists. The standout athletes were among eight Warriors tapped for the South squad in the annual MACJC All-Star Football Game scheduled December 14 at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 23

EC's stars land all-state honors

Numerous members of the East Central Community College football team were named to the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-State teams following the 2002 campaign.

Those selected first team All-State include running back Ramon Williams, offensive guard DeMarcus Granger, defensive lineman Ken Triplett, linebacker Travares Osley and defensive back Pete McBride.

Granger was also selected most valuable offensive lineman in the South Division.

Williams was rated the state's top rusher although he appeared in only five games due to injury. He gained 528 yards on 90 carries an average of 105.6 yards per contest - and scored five touchdowns.

Osley, the state's top tackler, had 106 solo stops and 27 assists.

Triplett had 57 tackles, 18 assists and six quarterback sacks. He also recovered a fumble.

McBride had 42 solo stops, 11 assists and six interceptions. He also averaged 26.5 yards per kickoff return.

Warriors named second team All-State include running back Timo Ryan and offensive guard Marcel Binion and linebacker Stacey Lewis.

Ryan, who finished second to Williams in rushing, had 570 yards on 102 carries and scored six touchdowns, an 81.4-yard average per contest in seven games. He also

was injured.

Lewis placed fourth in individual tackles, with 69 solo stops and 28 assists.

Team members named honorable mention All-State were quarterback Kevin Stephens, wide receivers Marcus Hibbler, Reggie Rice, Ronald Smith, fullback Wesley Wright, offensive lineman John Williams, center LeAndrew McDonald, offensive tackle Tyrone Barrett, cornerback Jarvis Lymon, free safety Adrian Eiland, cornerback Justin Smith, strong safety John Hope, linebacker Josh Viverette and defensive lineman Jed Wright

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WEEK OF Dec 30

Honorable mention

This group of East Central Community College football players received honorable mention All-State honors following the 2002 campaign. Seated from left are linebacker Josh Viverette of Lake, cornerback Justin Smith of Newton County, quarterback/wide receiver Reggie Rice of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, free safety Adrian Eiland and wide receiver Marcus Hibbler, both of Louisville; fullback Wesley Wright of Winston Academy and strong safety Jock Loper of Newton County. Standing from left are defensive lineman Jed Wright of Newton, center LeAndrew McDonald of Philadelphia, defensive tackle Arrion Triplett of Louisville, offensive lineman John Williams of Forest, quarterback Kevin Stephens of Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala.; and offensive tackle Tyrone Barrett of Glades Central High School in Belle Glade, Fla. The awards were presented at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF Dec 30

ECCC football awards

Receive ECCC Football Team Awards

These East Central Community College football players received various team honors at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are linebacker Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala., most valuable player; strong safety John Hope of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, Warrior Award; cornerback Pete McBride of Forest, Kemba Bryant Most Valuable Defensive Back Award; and quarterback Kevin Stephens, a product of Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala., offensive team captain award. Standing from left are offensive guard Demarcus Granger of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, most valuable offensive lineman; offensive tackle Marcel Binion of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, Warrior Award; defensive end Ken Triplett of Louisville, most valuable defensive lineman; running back Ramon Williams of Daphne, Ala., most valuable offensive back; and fullback Wesley Wright of Winston Academy, Academic Award. Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, and football coaches Terry Underwood (head), Tim Coats, Steve Cheatham, Fred Lyons, Tommy Clopton and DeMarcus Holmes, presented the awards. East Central completed season action with a 3-6 overall record and finished third in the South Division with a 3-3 mark.

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ECCC Warrior Golf Classic for June

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A shotgun start at 9 a.m. will officially begin the four-person scramble, scheduled on the Azalea course. Entry fee is $125 per person, which includes green fee, golf cart, tournament T-shirt, a box lunch and the opportunity to win various door prizes. In addition, the keys to a new vehicle will be presented by Mark Killens of Killens' Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Pontiac, Inc. in Newton, to the first golfer who scores a hole-in-one on a hole yet to be determined. A reception for sponsors and tournament participants concludes the day's activities.

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Meridian, Jones hold leads in NJCAA Region 23 golf

APPROACH — East Central Community College's Jeremy Stevens cuts loose a shot from the 10th fairway at Briarwood Country Club during Tuesday's opening round of the Region 23 Golf Tournament. Photo by Carisa McCain/The Meridian Star

By Marty Stamper / EMG sports assistant
April 24, 2002

The Meridian Community College Eagles and Jones Junior College Bobcats found themselves leading their respective divisions at the end of the first round of the MACJC State/Region 23 Golf Tournament at Briarwood Country Club Tuesday afternoon.

MCC and Briarwood are the hosts of the 13-school tournament, while Rush Sports Medicine is the event's sponsor.

The real battle is for the MACJC state championship as all of the teams, except Meridian, are members of that league. At 306, Gulf Coast enters the final round with a four-stroke lead over Hinds (310). Also in contention are Itawamba (311), Jones (312), Copiah-Lincoln (321), Pearl River (323), Northeast (324), and East Mississippi (328).

Led by Josh Martin and Daniel Boles, MCC shot a blistering 5-over par 293 to grab a 13-stroke lead over Mississippi Gulf Coast in the Region 23 Division II standings heading into today's final round.

Martin shot a 3-under par 69 on the par-72, 6,742-yard Briarwood course. Starting on No. 10, the Northwest Rankin graduate was 1-over at the turn. After pars on Nos. 1 and 2, he caught fire over the next six holes as he pocketed four birdies before closing with a par on No. 9.

"I finished real strong," Martin said. "I hit a lot of greens and if I had made more putts, it could have gone a lot lower. It probably wasn't the best I could have done, but it was pretty good for me, so I enjoyed it."

"I'm real tickled for Josh," MCC coach Lou Hart said. "He's a freshman and he's really been working hard the last few weeks. He's

been playing good, but 69 for him is just an outstanding round. I couldn't be happier for him and he's pretty happy for himself."

Boles, who prepped at Clarkdale, fired a 1-under 71. He was 1-under on his first nine and had one birdie to go with one bogey on his final nine holes.

"Daniel has been playing solid for the last two weeks," Hart said. "Today he hit it really well and could have shot lower, but I'm real pleased with a solid 71.

"With those two scores, that really started the day off well."

MCC also got a 75 from Clinton Hales and a 78 from Brandon Laird.

"We were looking to shoot around 290-295, so this is excellent for the first day," Martin said. "If we can just shoot a decent round (today), we should have it."

The winner advances to the NJCAA Division II National Championship at Palm Valley Country Club in Phoenix, Ariz., May 21-24.

"That's what we're looking forward to," Martin said.

Gulf Coast was in second place in Division II after shooting a 306. James Rentrop and Tim McCabe both had a 3-over 75, while Tyler Spruill shot a 76 and B.J. Stout an 80.

Hinds was in third place with a 310. The Eagles got a 75 from Michael Granberry, a 77 from Dwayne Wooten, a 78 from Marko Matthews, and 80s from Trey Crum and Luke Jiminez.

Closely behind Hinds was well-balanced Itawamba at 311. The Indians got a 77 from Scotty Patterson to go with 78s from Wade Fleming, Cain Myers, and Chris Moore.

In fifth place was Pearl River with a 323. Northeast Mississippi was nipping at the Wildcats' heels at 324. East Mississippi was in seventh place in Division II with a 328. The Lions were led by Devin Davis with a 79 and Matthew Downing with an 80. EMCC also got an 84 from Jon Luke Hazelwood and an 85 from Hayes Rector. Completing Division II with a 350 was Holmes. Jones came into the Division III portion of the tournament on a roll, having won its last two tournaments. The Bobcats continued their hot play Tuesday as they fired a 312 to grab a nine-stroke lead over Copiah-Lincoln.

Leading Jones was Nolan Green with a 74. Green had birdies on Nos. 12 and 13 to go with bogeys on Nos. 9, 10, 14, and 16.

The Bobcats also got a 78 from Adam Napier, a 79 from Tim Rasberry, and an 81 from Jacob Bynum.

"We've been playing good the last two weeks," Jones coach Ed Smith said. "We've had some kids that we're expecting some things out of that have actually started to play up to their potential. We're trying to peak at the right time."

Co-Lin was in second place with a 321. The Wolves got a pair of 79s from Matt Mooney and Zach Baldwin, an 80 from Joey Young, and

an 83 from Jonathan Halley.

Led by Jeremy Stevens and David Burt at 82, the East Central Warriors were in third place with a 336. ECCC also got an 85 from E.J. Bane and an 87 from Zack Thames.

Northwest was in fourth place with a 357. Dustin Howell's 84 led the Rangers.

Southwest Mississippi is competing as individuals only, but Will Kemmel is in the hunt for the all-tournament team with an 82.

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WEEK OF 29 April 02

FINISH THIRD IN REGION/STATE TOURNEY - East Central Community College's golf team completed season action by placing third in competition at the MACJC Region 23 Tournament held at Briarwood Country Club in Meridian. Team members and their respective scores in the two-day event are, from left - David Burt, 169, of Newton County Academy; Zach Thames, 179, of Newton High School; Jeremy Stevens, 165 and Cody Comans, 173, both of Newton County High School; and E. J. Bane, 179, of Louisville. At right is Tim Coats, head coach. (EC Photo)

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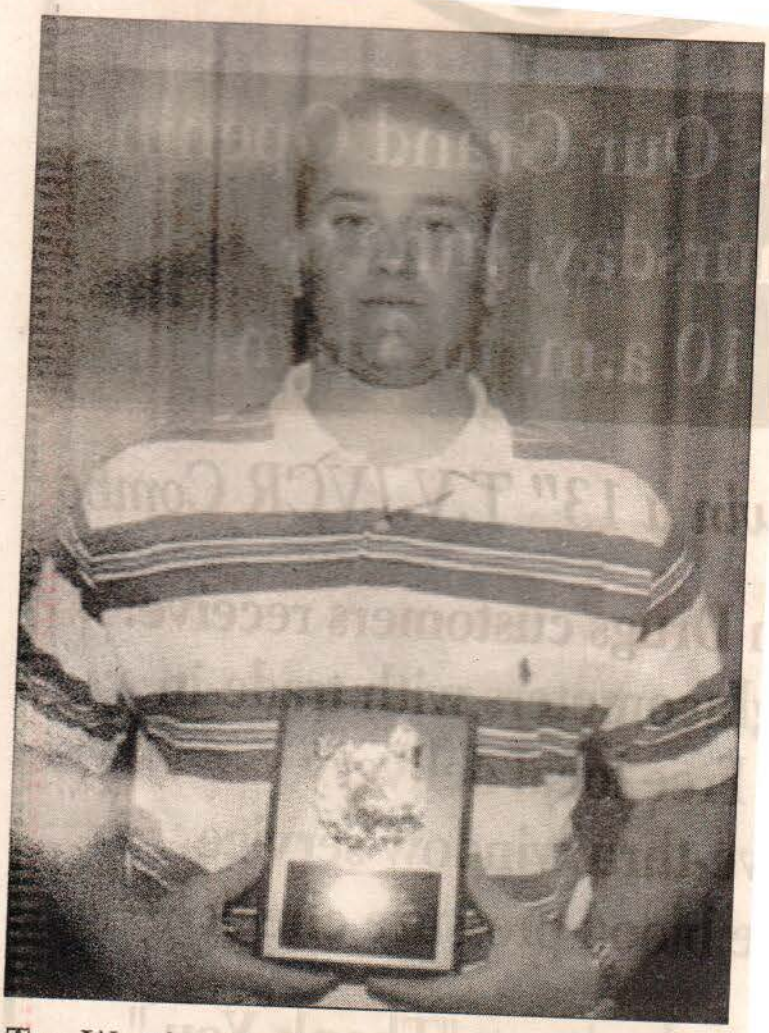

Top Warrior Golfer

East Central Community College golf team member Jeremy Stevens of Decatur was named Most Valuable Player following the 2002 season. Stevens, a graduate of Newton County High School, finished in the top five in six of nine tournaments and was Division III medalist in the Meridian Community College Invitational at Northwood Country Club. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 27, 2002

Set of Irons Top Door Prize For ECCC Warrior Golf Classic

A set of Titleist 762 irons awaits one lucky participant in the East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic scheduled Saturday, June 22 on the Azalea course at the award-winning Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort near Philadelphia, announced Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, president of the ECCC Alumni Association, tournament sponsor.

The set of irons - a $400 value- is the grand door prize for the first annual event, being held to raise scholarship funds for students planning to attend the two-year college in Decatur. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three teams in the four-person scramble, which gets underway at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the Azalea course. A trophy will also be awarded to the winning corporate team.

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Morgan said the tournament has attracted more than 70 players, and she anticipates a full field (18 teams) by the June 7 deadline.

"We've really been pleased with the response from alumni and friends for our first annual golf tournament. We're counting on additional participants to sign up for the event, especially since proceeds will help fund scholarships and the tournament is being held at one of the best courses in the country," Morgan said.

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ECCC soccer inks Trojan pair

By Jeff Byrd
staff writer

JUCO Soccer

East Central Community College picked up a pair of soccer signees on Thursday afternoon at Northeast Lauderdale High School.

Signing deals with Warriors head coach Ken Thompson were Northeast seniors Chris Stevens and Jay Jacobs. Both players were defensemen for the Trojans this past season.

Trojans soccer coach James Mathews said he is glad to see Stevens and Jacobs continue their soccer career but at the same time says his team's defense has taken a hit.

"We had four seniors on the team and three of them play on our defense. So with these two going, that's half of my defense," Mathews said.

Northeast Lauderdale finished 10-8 on the season against a tough schedule which included 1A-3A runner-up West Lauderdale, 5A Meridian, 1A-3A semifinalist Clarkdale and a rugged slate from Division 5-4A.

"We did pretty good this year, but I think we could've done better," said Stevens who is the son of Robby and Jeanette Neal. Stevens managed to score a goal and also had three or four assists for the Trojans this season while playing at defensive fullback.

Stevens says East Central will him the chance to play soccer yet stay close to home.

"It's closer to home and I feel pretty good about their soccer program," he said.

Jacobs came into the season with a question health wise after suffering a knee injury during football season with the Trojans. He bounced back to have a solid year as a right fullback for Mathews' team.

"I feel East Central could be real good this coming year," said Jacobs who has been playing soccer since the age of three. He is the son of Jodie and Janice Jacobs.

Janice Jacobs used to teach at East Central, but for Jay it's ECCC physical educational department that was a main draw.

"I like the school and they've got a good program in major which is going to be physical therapy," Jacobs said.

Mathews says both players should fit in well.

"Jay was our right fullback and that's where Ken is going to put him while Chris will also be on defense. Both should do well at the junior college level and if they continue to work, could move on Division I in two years," Mathews said.

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Walker Signs With Warriors

Mark Walker, seated right, a senior at Newton County High School, recently signed a soccer scholarship to East Central Community College. Seated to the left is Kenneth Thompson, ECCC soccer coach. Standing from left: Shannon Cooley, NCHS soccer coach, and Walker's parents, John and Bonnie Walker. Mark has played soccer at NCHS for four years and was the team goalie. Photo by Lois Cooper.

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2002 ECCC WARRIORS

Members of the 2002 East Central Community College Warrior soccer team and their respective high schools include (seated from left) midfielder (2) Johnathan Shoemaker, Newton County; defender (3) John May, Newton County; midfielder (4) Brandon Ditto, Brandon; defender (5) Chris Stevens, Northeast Lauderdale; defender (6) Nate Alexander, Corinth; midfielder (7) Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central; and midfielder (8) John Theobald, St. Aloysius; (kneeling from left) midfielder (9) Beau Theobald, St. Aloysius; forward (11) Ricky Archuleta, Richland; sweeper (12) Justin Sendelweck, Brandon; defender (15) Charles Goodwin, Raleigh; midfielder (16) Robbie Phillipson, Morton; defender (17) Chuck Holmes, Brandon; forward (18) Seltue Karweaye, Liberia, West Africa; and defender (19) Jay Jacobs, Northeast Lauderdale; and (standing from left) assistant coach Roy Pete, head coach Kenneth Thompson, keeper Corey Kemp, Corinth; keeper Mark Walker, Newton County; and managers Colin Smith, Forest, and Amanda Wilcher, Edinburg.

Warriors seeking spot in playoffs

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — Despite minimal interest in the sport in its five-county district, East Central Community College has steadily made progress in soccer in its first three years of competition.

The only high schools in ECCC's district to field teams

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in the sport are Neshoba Central, Newton County, and Philadelphia.

From the Warriors' recruiting district on the 2002 ECCC roster are Mark Walker, Johnathan Shoemaker, and John May of Newton County, Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central, and Robbie Phillipson of Morton.

"Under our old recruiting guidelines, it was very bad," ECCC fourth-year coach Kenneth Thompson said. "Under our new recruiting guidelines, you've still got to go out and recruit after a certain time period, but it gives you a chance to go out and get some of these kids. We've got some from all across the state. It's just a matter of going out and

players in the entire league this year," Thompson said. "We are expecting a lot out of him from his forward position."

Ditto was 15th in the state in scoring as a freshman.

"We are depending on Brandon to be our playmaker in setting up shots on goals," Thompson said. "He will obviously be a key to our success.

"Last year we were 4-3-1 in the South Division and missed the playoffs basically by a missed penalty kick. We had the tiebreaker over the team (Pearl River) that finished 5-3 and went.

"This year's group looks better than last year's group, but I'm sure the other teams are getting better too. Our freshmen look particularly good this year.

"The Jackson metropolitan area and the Gulf Coastal area are your two major spots. That's where the bulk of the players in the whole league are from. Tupelo has a strong pocket and the Hattiesburg area has a pocket.

"I have a few players from the Jackson metropolitan area."

That group includes Brandon Ditto, Chuck Holmes, and Justin Sendelweck of Brandon; John Theobald and Beau Theobald of Vicksburg St. Aloysius, and Ricky Archuleta of Richland.

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EMCC came right back, tying the game at 1-1 when mid-fielder Chris Wilkens took a cross and headed it in for the goal.

East Central answered with Theobald sending a short pass to Karweaye who slipped his way past the Lion defenders to boot a 5-yarder through to make it 2-1.

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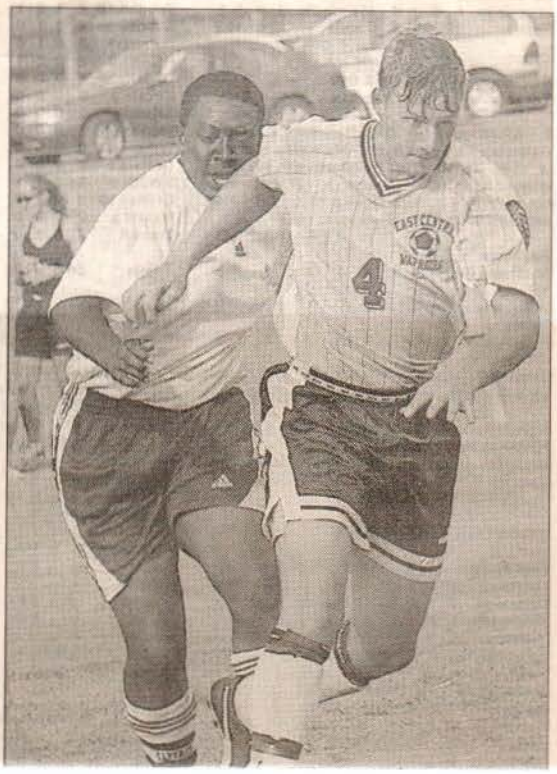

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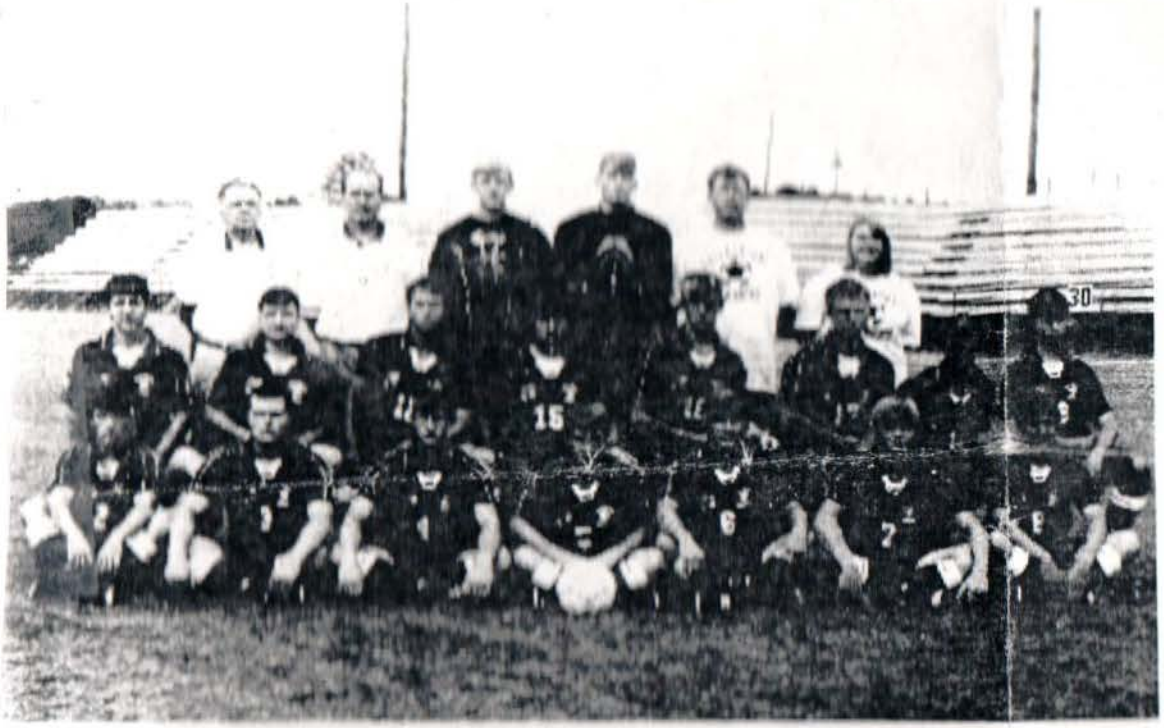

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#1 South vs #2 North

#2 South vs #1 North

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By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Democrat Reporter

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Jones County and Copiah-Lincoln round out the South Division.

After playing at Scooba Wednesday, the Warriors have their home-opener Saturday against Mississippi Delta at 1 p.m., and they host Holmes Tuesday (Sept. 3) at 3 p.m.

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ECCC Soccer Warriors looking for better ye

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

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The only high schools in ECCC's district to field teams in the sport are Neshoba Central, Newton County, and Philadelphia.

From the Warriors' recruiting district on the 2002 ECCC roster are Mark Walker, Johnathan Shoemaker, and John May of Newton County; Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central, and Robbie Phillipson of Morton.

"Under our old recruiting guidelines, it was very bad," ECCC fourth-year coach Kenneth Thompson said. "Under our new recruiting guidelines, you've still got to go out and recruit after a certain time period, but it gives you a chance to go out and get some of these kids. We've got some from all across the state. It's just a matter of going out and finding these guys.

"The Jackson metropolitan area and the Gulf Coastal area are your two major spots. That's where the bulk of the players in the whole league are from. Tupelo has a strong pocket and the Hattiesburg area has a pocket.

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ECCC soccer wins season opener against EMCC

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
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East Central Community College opened its 2002 soccer season in fine fashion last Wednesday, as the Warriors knocked off homestanding East Mississippi 5-2.

Freshman Ricky Archuleta of Richland turned in a hat trick with three of ECCC's goals as the Warriors won their season-opening match.

"We played well in spurts," ECCC coach Kenneth Thompson said. "I was pleased that we showed we could score ... but we need to get better."

ECCC, which also tied Mississippi Delta 1-1 Saturday in its home opener, is now 1-0-1 on the season. The Warriors were slated to host Holmes Tuesday, but that contest was postponed.

Instead, the Warriors won't see action again until next Wednesday (Sept. 11) when they go to Hinds for a 7 p.m. matchup. Also next week, ECCC hosts Itawamba Saturday (Sept. 14) at 1 p.m.

In last week's win over EMCC, John Theobald scored the Warriors' first goal of the contest, only to have Chris Wilkens put in a header for the host Lions to tie the game at 1-1.

East Central took the lead for good on a goal by Seltue Karweaye, and Archuleta's first goal late in the first half made it 3-1.

After Archuleta scored goal Nos. 2-3 to make it 5-1, EMCC finished out the scoring with a goal by Patrick DiMichele.

Against Mississippi Delta, John Theobald scored the Warriors' only goal.

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DECATUR--Soccer season began on a successful note for East Central Community College's Warriors who claimed a 5-2 decision over East Mississippi Community College August 28 on the Scooba campus.

Freshman forward Ricky Archuleta of Richland scored three goals in leading the Soccer Warriors to the non-division victory. John Theobald, a freshman midfielder from St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg, and sophomore forward Seltue Karweaye of The Peoples Institute, Liberia, West Africa, added a goal apiece.

East Central began home action Saturday against Mississippi Delta Community College, which resulted in a 1-1 deadlock. Freshman Beau Theobald, twin brother of John Theobald, scored the Warriors' lone goal.

The Soccer Warriors were scheduled to meet Holmes Community College in a 3 p.m. match today (August 30) but the contest has been postponed.

Next up for East Central is Hinds Community College, who will host the Soccer Warriors in a 7 p.m. match on Wednesday, September 11.

2002 Warrior Football Schedule

September 5	Holmes	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
September 12	Northeast	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
September 19	Pearl River	Poplarville	7:00 p.m.
September 26	Gulf Coast	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
October 5	Co-Lin	Wesson	2:30 p.m.
October 10	Jones	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
October 19	Hinds (HC)	Decatur	2:30 p.m.
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WEEK OF September 2, 2002

East Central takes win over EMCC

By Jeff Byrd
EMG sports writer

Three goals by freshman forward Ricky Archuleta of Richland sparked East Central Community College to a 5-2 win over home-standing East Mississippi last week.

The match was the season opener for both clubs.

East Central was active nearly all game against the Lions defense. They had 31 shots on goal compared to just 13 for East Mississippi.

Warriors head coach Kenneth Thompson said the contest was a typical first-game affair.

"We played well in spurts," Thompson said. "I was pleased that we showed we could score. We had a lot of new guys play well. But we need to get better before we play another match."

The Warriors went on the attack early getting five shots on goal to just one for the Lions. ECCC was able to control the tempo behind Archuleta and forward center Seltue Karweaye of Liberia, West Africa.

Karweaye missed on four shots on goal. Three of the shots were save by Lions goalkeeper Daniel Hawthorne.

Midway through the half, the Warriors' John Theobald broke loose on a break and beat Hawthorne with a kick to make it 1-0.

EMCC came right back tying the game at 1-1 when mid-fielder Chris Wilkens took a cross kick and headed in for the goal.

East Central answered with Theobald sending a short pass to Karweaye who slipped his way past the Lion defenders to boot a 5-yard through to make it 2-1.

The Lions thwarted another Warrior shot late in the first half but on the rebound, Archuleta took a ball off the side of his foot and got it in. The goal made it 3-1.

A 30-yard goal by Archuleta early in the second half boosted the Warrior edge to 4-1. Midway through the half, he finished his day with a goal off a break, knocking down Hawthorne in the process to make it 5-1.

The Lions stayed in it with a goal off a breakaway by Patrick Dimichele in the final 10 minutes.

East Central keeper Corey Kent made six saves. Earning assists on the day were Justin Sendelweck, Theobald, Charles Goodwin, Karweaye and Brandon Ditto (2).

East Central began home action Saturday against Mississippi Delta Community College, which resulted in a 1-1 deadlock. Freshman Beau Theobald, twin brother of John Theobald, scored the Warriors' lone goal.

East Central's Chris Stevens (5) executes a header during the Warriors' season-opening 5-2 win over East Mississippi Community College. ECCC also tied Mississippi Delta 1-1 last week. (Photo by Carisa McCain)

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WEEK OF Sept. 16, 2002

ECCC Soccer Warriors Outscore Itawamba, 4-1

Freshman midfielder John Theobald of Vicksburg scored three goals and led East Central Community College to a 4-1 victory over Itawamba Community College Saturday afternoon in Decatur. Theobald's first goal came on a penalty kick at the 38:50 mark in the second half and tied the contest at 1-1.

The Soccer Warriors, who improved to 2-1-1 under fourth-year head coach Kenneth Thompson, took the lead for good on Theobald's second goal, which came on a corner kick at the 38:11 mark. Freshman forward Ricky Archuleta of Richland was credited with an assist.

Theobald's final goal came on a free kick at the 31:40 mark and was aided by an assist from sophomore Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County. Freshman defender Chuck Holmes of Brandon scored the Soccer Warriors' final goal at the 1:30 mark.

Itawamba's Daniel Tift scored his team's only goal at the 28:17 mark in first half action. Jeremy Cunningham was credited with an assist.

In last week's action, East Central fell 3-1 to Hinds Community College on September 11 in Raymond. Beau Theobald of Vicksburg scored for East Central.

The Soccer Warriors are scheduled to host Jones County Junior College at 5 p.m. Tuesday, September 17, and will travel to Pearl River Community College on Saturday, September 21 for a 1 p.m. match on the Poplarville campus. East Central will be guests of Meridian Community College at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 25.

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WEEK OF September 23

Warriors split two matches

From school reports

South Division competition began on a successful note for the East Central Community College soccer team following a 3-0 shut out over visiting Jones County Junior College on September 17.

Sophomore forward Seltue Karweaye of Liberia, West Africa, gave EC a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute of action. Freshman midfielder John Theobald, a product of St. Aloysius in Vicksburg, was credited with an assist on the scoring play.

The Soccer Warriors stretched their lead to 2-0 in the 40th minute, following Theobald's fifth goal of the season. Sophomore midfielder Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County and freshman defender Chris Stevens of Northeast Lauderdale assisted on the play.

East Central's final goal came in the 67th minute from freshman Ricky Archuleta of Richland, who was assisted on the play by Karweaye and sophomore midfielder Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central. Archuleta's goal marked his fourth score of the young campaign.

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John Briscoe, a freshman from San

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Antonio, Texas, scored four goals to lead Pearl River. David Heaps and Brennan Brooks scored a goal apiece for the Soccer Wildcats, who improved to 6-3 overall and 2-1 in the division.

East Central, 3-2-1 overall and 1-1 in division play under fourth-year head coach Kenneth Thompson, travels to Meridian Community College today for a 7 p.m. division contest. The Soccer Warriors host division foe Copiah-Lincoln Community College at 11 a.m. Saturday and journeys to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on Tuesday, Sept. 1 for a 4 p.m. division contest.

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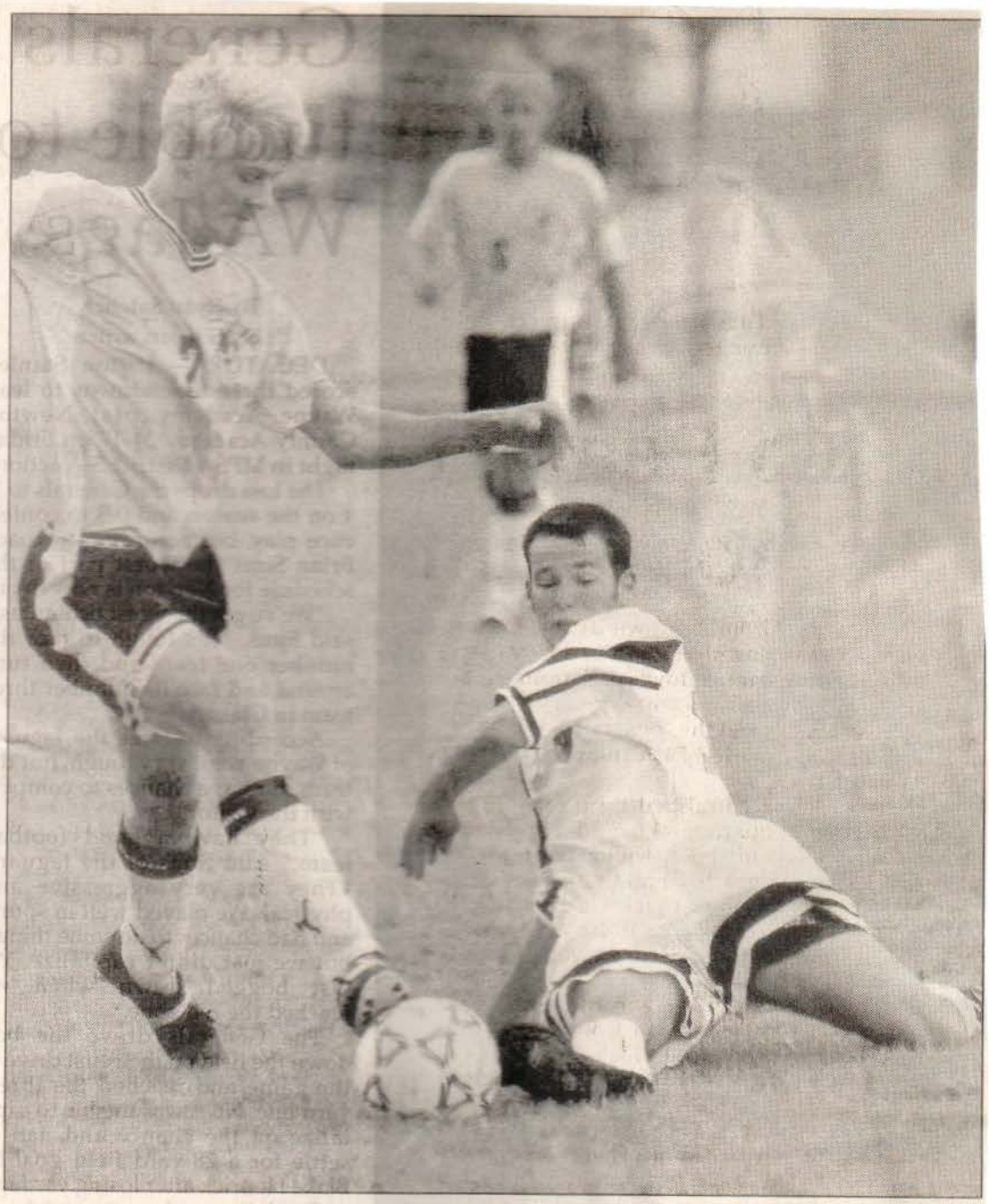

Pearl River Community College's Matt Powell (35) of St. Stanislaus boots the ball away in the Wildcats' 6-3 South Division victory over rival East Central Saturday in Poplarville, while Warrior midfielder Brandon Ditto (4) of Brandon is on the defensive. Ditto scored one of ECCC's goals in the game. PRCC improved to 6-3 overall and 2-1 in league play with the victory, while the Warriors dropped to 3-2-1 and 1-1.

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WEEK OF Sept 23, 2002

ECCC Soccer Warriors Blank Jones, Fall To PRC

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The Soccer Warriors traveled to Pearl River Community College on Saturday, September 21 and dropped a 6-3 decision to the Wildcats.

ECCC scorers were John Theobald, Kyle Miller and Brandon Ditto, a sophomore midfielder from Brandon.

John Briscoe, a freshman from San Antonio, Texas, scored four goals to lead Pearl River. David Heaps and Brennan Brooks scored a goal apiece for the Soccer Wildcats, who improved to 6-3 overall and 2-1 in the division.

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WEEK OF Sept 23, 2002

ECCC Warriors Still Looking for First Win, Fall 13-9 to Pearl River

For the second straight week, a sec-
-half rally fell short of victory for
t Central Community College's
rriors who were clipped 13-9 by the
rl River Community College
dcats Thursday night in the South
ision opener for both squads at Dobie
den Stadium in Poplarville. East
tral, which trailed 13-9 at halftime,
mounted an impressive third quarter
e from the Wildcat 10, which was set
when defensive back Pete McBride of
est nixed a possible Pearl River score
his interception off Wildcat quarter-
k Daniel Forrest of Picayune.

Warrior quarterback Kevin Stephens
Troy, Ala., engineered the "almost"
yard march, highlighted by an effec-
ground game featuring wide receiv-
rmed-running back Titus Ryan of
caloosa (Ala.) County, running back
tay Eiland and fullback Horace
n, both of Louisville, and fullback
maine Smith of Newton County.
h crossed the goal line from 10
s out on the 14th play of the long
, but the score was nullified due to a
ing call.

The Warriors later fumbled on third
15 at the 20-yard-line to begin the
stanza, and the Wildcats held on for
ictory, improving to 2-1 overall and
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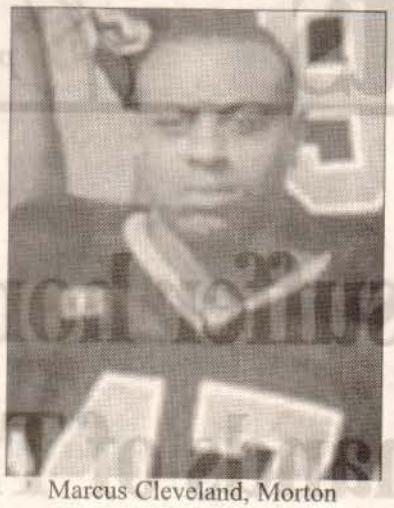
ree outings. Pearl

Pete McBride, Forest



Marcus Cleveland, Morton

River scored first in the division matchup, when Forrest - the state's leading passer- fired a 22-yard strike to wide receiver Donovan Morgan of New Orleans with 3:54 left in the opening period. Greg Bryant's PAT attempt was blocked. The Wildcat drive covered 80 yards in eight plays and followed a Warrior march that resulted in a missed 34-yard field goal by Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala., who only recently took over kicking duties.

The Warriors tied the contest early in the second quarter on Eiland's one-yard plunge, which was set up by defensive lineman J. E. Haynes of Noxapater, who intercepted a Forrest pass at the Pearl River 35-yard-line and rambled to the Wildcat four. Osley's PAT was not successful.

Pearl River broke the deadlock with just over a minute left in the first half when Forrest and wide receiver Jonathan Eiland of Hattiesburg combined talents on a 20-yard touchdown pass. Bryant, a Poplarville product, added the PAT.

East Central responded to the Pearl River tally by scoring the game's final points, a 47-yard field goal by Osley with just 18 seconds left before halftime.

INJURY UPDATE

Freshman linebacker Marcus Cleveland of Morton has been added to the injury list, which now includes several players: running back Ramon Williams of Daphne, Ala., offensive lineman Marcel Binion of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, fullback Wesley Wright of Winston Academy, defensive tackle Chris Allen of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County and offensive guard Rudy Su'e of Pensacola, Fla., who suffered the most serious injury (broken ankle) in the Holmes game and is out for the season.

STATISTICS

Horace Glenn led the Warrior offense with 76 yards on 13 carries. Titus Ryan added 54 yards on 14 attempts.

Daniel Forrest completed 21 of 30 passes for 238 yards and two touchdown for Pearl River. Prior to the EC contest, Forrest had completed 37 of 83 passes for 430 yards and three touchdowns.

GAME THIS WEEK

East Central will try to get into the win column this Thursday when division foe Gulf Coast Community College comes to campus. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium.

The Bulldogs (2-1) defeated Copiah-Lincoln Community College 16-7 last week.

All Warrior football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) featuring veteran sportscaster Mike Goodwin and game analyst Gilbert Barham.

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WEEK OF Sept 23, 2002

ECCC Soccer Managers

Above are managers for the 2002 East Central Community College's soccer team. From left are Amanda Wilcher of Carthage and Colin Smith of Forest.

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ECCC Soccer Coaches- Kenneth Thompson (right) begins his fourth year as head coach of the East Central Community College men's soccer team. Thompson previously served as varsity and junior varsity soccer coach at Newton County High School. Roy Pete is also in his fourth year as a volunteer assistant coach. Pete is a former soccer coach in Rankin County and is currently involved with the Newton County Youth Soccer program.

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East Central Community College's Justin Sendelweck (12) throws the ball in during a recent MACJC South Division match against Pearl River Community College. The Warriors are 4-2-1 overall and 2-1 in South Division play and take on South Division foe Meridian Community Col-

WEEK OF Sept 30, 2002

East Cent. soccer improves to 4-2

Seltue Karweaye scored three goals in leading East Central Community College's soccer team to a 6-1 win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

Karweaye, a sophomore forward from Liberia, West Africa, tallied at the 14:00, 52:00 and 68:00 marks as the Soccer Warriors improved to 4-2-1 overall and 2-1 in the South Division.

Co-Lin fell to 1-6-1 and 0-4-1.

Credited with assists on Karweay's goals, respectively, were sophomore midfielder Brandon Ditto of Brandon, sophomore Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County and freshman forward Ricky Archuleta of Richland.

Also scoring for East Central were Ditto, assisted by Karweaye at the 25:00 mark; midfielder John Theobald of St. Aloysius in Vicksburg, assisted by his twin brother Beau at the 66:00 mark; and freshman defender Chris Stevens of Northeast Lauderdale, assisted by sophomore Corey Kemp of Corinth at the 89:00 mark.

The Soccer Warriors, led by fourth-year head coach Kenneth Thompson and assistant Roy Pete, return to action against Meridian Community College at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 at MCC.

The Soccer Warriors will challenge East Mississippi Community College at 11 a.m. Saturday in Decatur.

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WEEK OF Oct 7, 2002

ECCC soccer team blanks EMCC, ties Meridian, 2-2

From school reports

Five players scored for East Central Community College;s soccer team Saturday afternoon in posting an 8-0 shutout of East Mississippi Community College on the Decatur campus.

Sophomore forward Seltue Karweaye of Liberia, West Africa, and freshman midfielder John Theobald, a product of St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg, scored two goals apiece for East Central, which improved to 5-3-2 overall. Also scoring were freshman keeper Mark Walker of Newton County, freshman midfielder Robbie Phillipson of Morton, defender Chris Stevens of Northeast Lauderdale and sophomore midfielder Brandon Ditto of Brandon. Karweaye and freshman Beau Theobald of Vicksburg St. Aloysius were credited with assists.

In other weekend action, the Soccer Warriors battled division foe Meridian Community College to a 2-2 deadlock in double overtime. Karwewaye scored both goals for EC, which rallied from a 2-0 deficit. The Soccer Warriors, division mark stands at 2-2-1.

East Central travels to Mississippi Delta Community College on Wednesday, October 9 for a 4 p.m. match, and will be on the road Saturday to compete in the Rush Invitational scheduled at MCC, where the Soccer Warriors will take on Wallace State at 11 a.m. East Central will journey to division opponent Jones County on Tuesday, October 15 for a 2 p.m. match.

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WEEK OF Oct 7, 2002

Meridian, ECCC end up tied at 2-2

By Thomas Burton
special to The Star

JUCO SOCCER

Meridian Community College and East Central battled to a 2-2 tie in men's soccer action on Friday afternoon at the Eagles Soccer Field.

The game finally got played after two postponements due to tropical storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili.

The tie leaves MCC at 4-3-1 overall. They are 3-1-1 in South Division play.

MCC head coach Alex George felt the Eagles lost focus after grabbing a 2-0 lead and was angry about an overtime ejection of Brandon Rodgers.

"We just could not get in sync today," George said. "We were a touch or two from opening it up. We lost position when they took Rodgers out of the game."

East Central Kenny Thompson was elated to get out of Meridian with a draw.

"Our squad did what it took," Thompson said. "We chipped away and kept balls away from their territory. We just wanted to continue playing well."

MCC's Kyle Boykin lead the Eagles with a pass to Troy Webb who found Brandon Rodgers for the first score of the game. With 11:49 left in the first period striker Brian Bledsoe assisted Troy Webb for the score and gave MCC the lead at 2-0.

The ECCC Warriors never gave up another goal.

With striker Seltue Karweaye making a high kick fit in, the Warrors cut MCC's lead to 2-1 with 3:30 left in the first half.

Karweaye also got the team's second score to tie it in the 2nd period with 14:35 left by taking advantage of a penalty kick.

Both teams played aggressive down the stretch but both failed to score. Once the game entered over time Brandon Rodgers was ejected from the game.

ECCC could not make the extra push they needed as the game went into double overtime. Neither team could score and the matched ended in a 2-2 tie.

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WEEK OF Oct 21, 2002

East Central takes key South Divison soccer victory

By Thomas Burton
special to the star

DECATUR — Timing is basically everything. With a playoff spot weighing in the balance the Meridian Community College Men's soccer team couldn't seem to get in sync as they lost the season finale against East Central Community College 2-1.

The Warriors on the other hand went the distance and played timely defense against the Eagles.

"I'm real proud of the guys, they managed to hold it out", said ECCC head coach Kenneth Thompson. "This is one of our biggest wins."

ECCC was led by two goals off the foot of Seltue Karweaye. One goal came with under 10 seconds left in the first half.

From the opening kick the Eagles seemed destined to score. ECCC pressured MCC to kick wide and high of the goal.

MCC attempted six shots at goal for the first 30 minutes. ECCC managed to only attempt two.

The Eagles threatened with 21:15 as Brian Bledsoe and John Irby gained some ground. Brandon Rodgers received the pass as his kick sailed off a header by Brian Stringer, but couldn't find the goal.

ECCC got it's first threat from Chuck Holmes. He was stopped by Bledsoe as his kick was tipped by the keeper Chris Duncan.

MCC just couldn't find any rhythm and with the score 0-0, somebody had to make things happen.

Karweaye made his presence felt defensively, as he made noise with time winding down with 10 ticks left on the clock. A speedy Robbie Phillipson eluded Dylan Sims and Troy Webb to find the open Karweaye for the half time lead at 1-0.

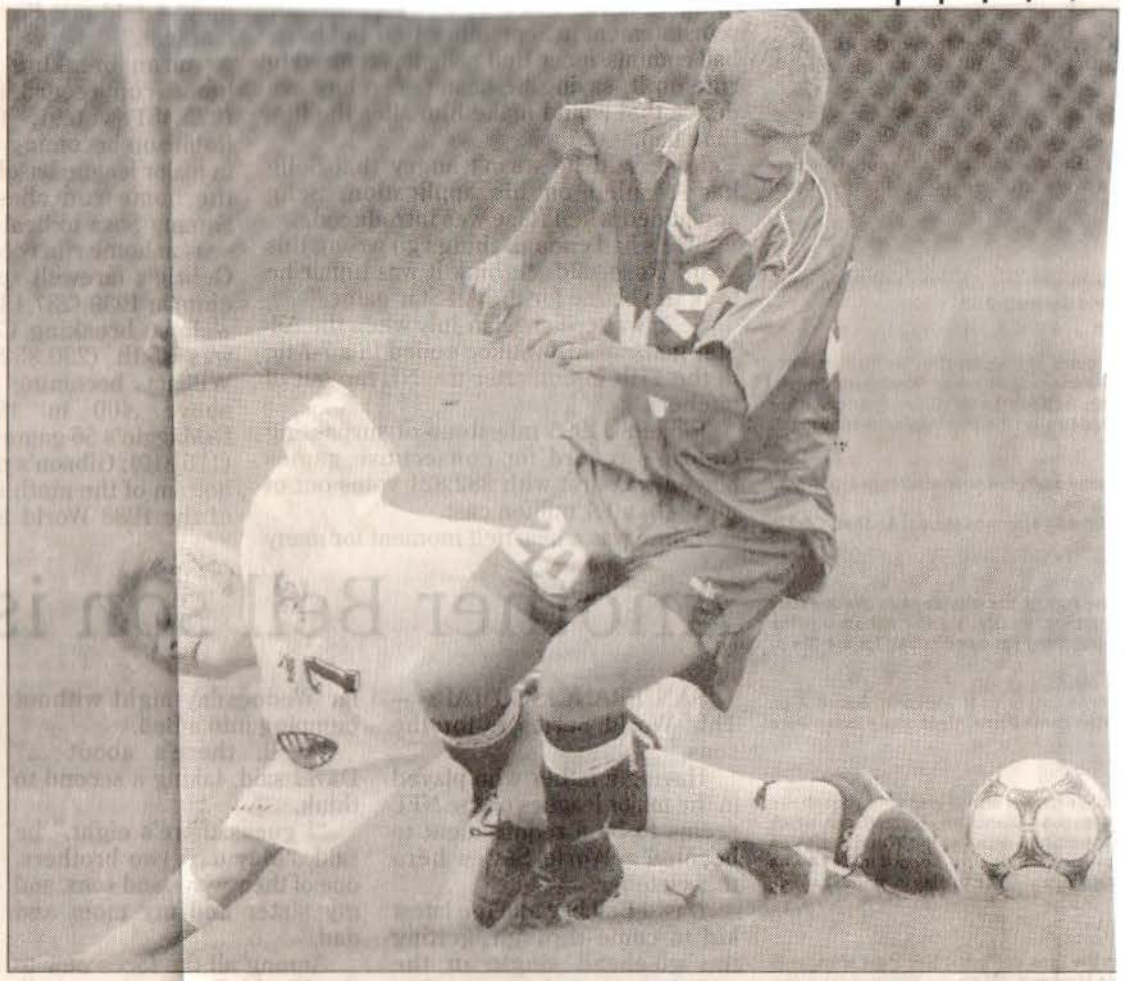
Both teams continued to fight it out. MCC held its end of the field but could not find an open lane.

When ECCC got it's breaks they took advantage. Karweaye lead his second charge with 34:49 as he fought off Webb for the lead at 2-0.

Hope was running out for MCC , but with just 13 minutes to go Andrew Culpepper fought his way though to get a pass off to Benton Dufour. Dufour's kick cut the lead to 2-1.

As the sun set so did the chances of MCC scoring. The Warriors kept on forcing the Eagles to takes tough shots. They played flawless defense to hold on for the win 2-1.

MCC chances for the playoffs are still alive. The division record drops to 5-3-1 and to 8-6-1 overall. ECCC is still in the hunt with two games remaining. They are 4-3-1 division and 8-6-2 overall. The Warriors travel to play Copiah Lincoln on Thursday.



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HITTING THE TURF

MCC's Brian Stringer (20) and ECCC's Kyle Miller (7) get tangled up over control of the ball at ECCC Wednesday afternoon.

WEEK OF Oct 21, 2002

ECCC soccer team wins again

WESSON — The East Central Community College men's soccer team moved within one win of clinching a spot in the MACJC playoffs with its 6-2 road win over Copiah-Lincoln on Thursday.

Seltue Karweaye and Charlie Goodwin picked up two goals each for the Warriors against Co-Lin, while Robbie Phillipson and Bo Theobald had one each.

The win pushes ECCC to 9-6-2 overall and 5-3-1 in South Division play. East Central hosts Gulf Coast at 4 p.m. on Tuesday. A win against the Bulldogs would guarantee the Warriors of at least a second-place tie, with the top two teams in the South Division and North Division advancing to the playoffs. ECCC would win the second-place tiebreaker.

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WEEK OF Oct 28, 2002

ECCC, Gulf Coast battle to 1-1 tie

By Thomas Burton
special to The Star

DECATUR — Soccer can be a game of bounces, not just inches. East Central Community College found that out against Gulf Coast Community College, the top MACJC South Division team, on Tuesday afternoon.

The tie left Gulf Coast as the top seed out of the South, but cost East Central the No. 2 position. Meridian Community College will advance as the second team from the South.

Gulf Coast will remain with the top seed as both teams wait for a winner from the Northwest-Hines game.

The visiting Bulldogs made the first scoring attempt with Ryan Ceccorallie threatening, but the header by Brent Orr didn't pull through.

The Bulldogs put pressure on the Warriors with back-to-back shots. Orr passed to Kyle Ellis who retrieved his own rebound and tried to connect with Steve Chisholm. Chisholm's shot sailed high as Warrior defender Chris Stevens played solid defense.

ECCC made a move with Kyle Miller and John Theobald trying to get the ball to Seltue Karweaye. Orr made a strong defensive play and the Bulldogs regained possession

Keeper Corey Kemp made huge stops for ECCC. Kyle Ellis on a pass from Joe McKinney couldn't sneak one by, as the play proved to be a confident booster for the Warriors.

Karweaye on the next possession responded with a sliding kick that that found its way in for the score. With just under 24:19 to play, ECCC led 1-0.

The Bulldogs attempted three corner kicks, but two of them sailed high.

Gulf Coast's Phillip Marshall sparked the Bulldogs' biggest scoring threat as he and Ellis made a play down field that opened up a 25-yard kick from Brock Moss that made it into the goal for the tie at 1-1 with just 12:15 left.

ECCC fought off 15 attempts by Gulf Coast to end the last 20 minutes of play to extend the game into overtime.

"We needed to finish it, they put us back on our heels," said ECCC head coach Kenneth Thompson.

ECCC got into Bulldog territory with three left but two scoring attempts failed to close out the game, with double-overtime approaching.

Once double-overtime began the Bulldogs had ample opportunity to put the game in the bag. After a miss by Marshall, Nick Moran's kick was blocked by Ditto.

ECCC ends the season with a 9-6-3 record overall and a division record of 5-3-2.

Gulf Coast will host the playoffs on Saturday in the number one position as they finish out the regular season at 9-4-3 with a division record of 6-1-1.

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HIGH FLYING

ECCC's Nate Alexander jumps over Gulf Coast's Jason Cannan on ECCC's rain-drenched soccer pitch.

SPORTS

WEEK OF Oct 28, 2002

Soccer Warriors in Playoff Hunt, face Gulf Coast in do or die game

Special to the Times

After reeling off consecutive victories over South Division opponents Pearl River, Meridian and Copiah-Lincoln, East Central Community College's soccer team has one more hurdle to clear to make its first trip to state playoffs: division leader Gulf Coast.

The Soccer Warriors, 9-6-2 overall and 5-3-1 in division play under fourth year head coach Kenneth Thompson, will battle the top-ranked Bulldogs (10-2-2 and 8-1) at 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 29 on the Decatur campus.

Although East Central has yet to defeat Gulf Coast in season competition, the Soccer Warriors have yet to lose a match in 2002 on its home turf.

East Central cruised past Copiah-Lincoln 6-2 Thursday in Wesson and claimed a 2-1 victory over perennial power MCC Wednesday (October 23) in Decatur.

Soph. forward Seltue Karweaye of Liberia, West Africa and sophomore defender Charlie Goodwin of Raleigh scored two goals each against the homestanding Wolves. Other scorers were freshmen midfielders Robbie Phillipson of Morton and Beau Theobald of St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg, MS. Soph. midfielder Brandon Ditto of Brandon was credited with two scoring assists and Phillipson had one assist. Matt Anderson and Chance Garner scored for Co-Lin.

Karweaye scored both goals in EC's win over MCC. Benton Dufour scored for Meridian.

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WEEK OF Oct 28, 2002

EC wins 3 on div. schedule

After reeling off consecutive victories over South Division opponents Pearl River, Meridian and Copiah-Lincoln, East Central's soccer team has one more hurdle to clear to make its first trip to state playoffs: division leader Gulf Coast.

The Warriors, 9-6-2 overall and 5-3-1 in division play under fourth-year head coach Kenneth Thompson, were to battle the top-ranked Bulldogs (10-2-2 and 8-1) at 3 p.m. Tuesday at home. Results from that game were not available at press time.

East Central cruised past Copiah-Lincoln 6-2 Thursday in Wesson and claimed a 2-1 victory over perennial power MCC Wednesday (Oct. 23) in Decatur.

Forward Seltue Karweaye and defender Charlie Goodwin scored two goals each against the homestanding Wolves. Other scorers were midfielders Robbie Phillipson and Beau Theobald.

Midfielder Brandon Ditto was credited with two scoring assists and Phillipson had one assist.

Matt Anderson and Chance Garner scored for Co-Lin.

Karweaye scored both goals in EC's win over MCC.

Benton Dufour scored for Meridian.

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Soccer Warriors Finish Third in Division Play

East Central Community College's soccer team recently completed its most successful season by posting a 9-6-3 overall mark and a 5-3-2 slate in South Division competition.

The Soccer Warriors were just a win away from qualifying for their first appearance in the state playoffs but a 1-1 tie in double overtime with Gulf Coast on October 29 sent Meridian Community College as the number-two team in the South with the top-seeded Bulldogs.

East Central had taken a 1-0 lead over Gulf Coast on Seltue Karweaye's goal with 29:19 to play. The Bulldogs tied the contest on a Brock Moss kick with 12:15 remaining. The Warriors missed two scoring attempts in the first overtime, and the Bulldogs had several scoring opportunities in the second overtime period. ECCC's Brandon Ditto of Brandon made a key block to keep Gulf Coast from scoring late in the contest.

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Warriors last match ends at 1-1

Tie knocks ECCC out of hunt for playoffs

By Thomas Burton
special to The Star

DECATUR — Soccer can be a game of bounces, not just inches. East Central Community College found that out against Gulf Coast Community College, the top MACJC South Division team, on Tuesday afternoon.

The tie left Gulf Coast as the top seed out of the South, but cost East Central the No. 2 position. Meridian Community College will advance as the second team from the South.

Gulf Coast will remain with the top seed as both teams wait for a winner from the Northwest-Hines game.

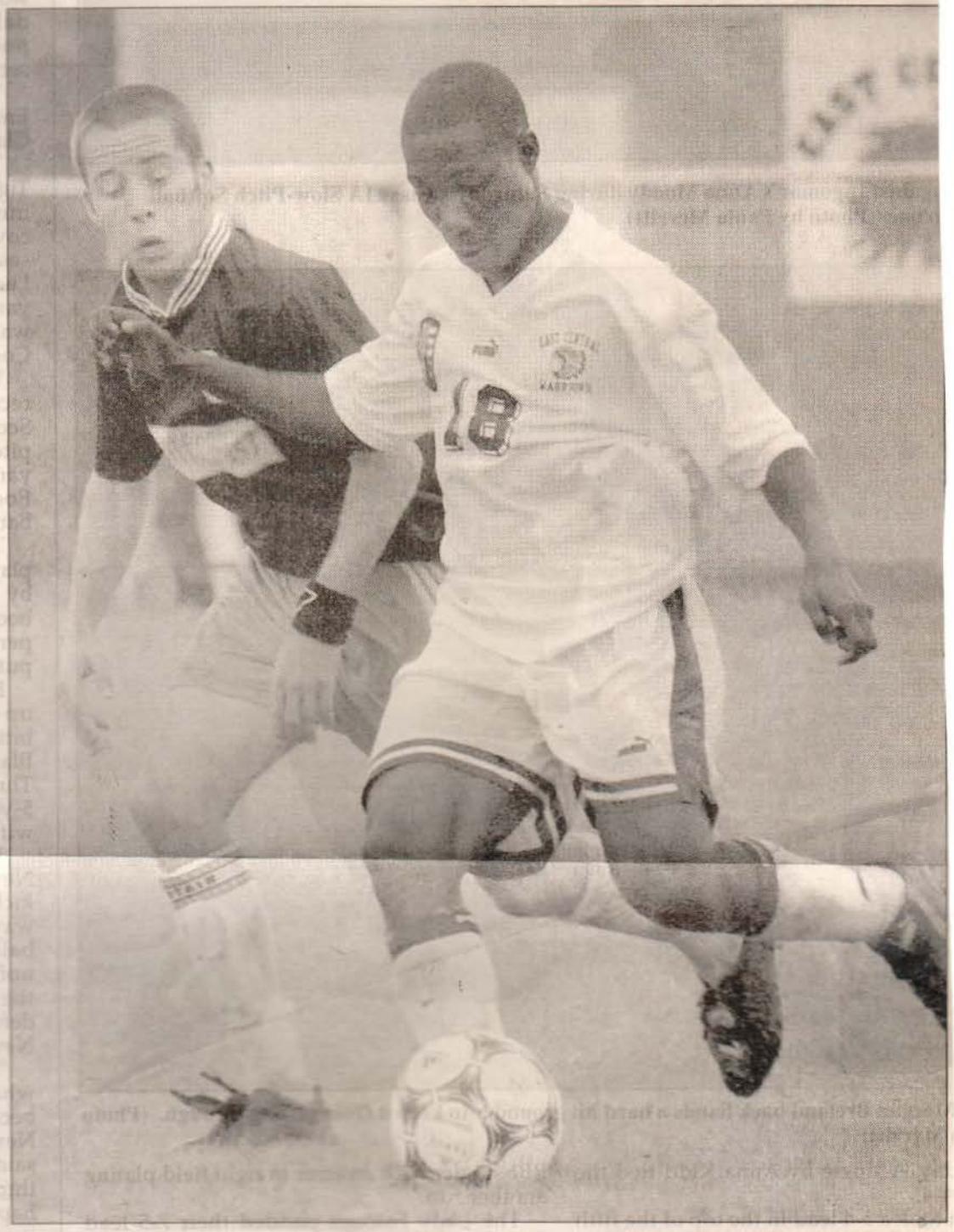
The visiting Bulldogs made the first scoring attempt with Ryan Ceccorallie threatening, but the header by Brent Orr didn't pull through.

The Bulldogs put pressure on the Warriors with back-to-back shots. Orr passed to Kyle Ellis who retrieved his own rebound and tried to connect with Steve Chisholm. Chisholm's shot sailed high as Warrior defender Chris Stevens played solid defense.

ECCC made a move with Kyle Miller and John Theobald trying to get the ball to Seltue Karweaye. Orr made a strong defensive play and the Bulldogs regained possession

Keeper Corey Kemp made huge stops for ECCC. Kyle Ellis on a pass from Joe McKinney couldn't sneak one by, as the play proved to be a confident booster for the Warriors.

Karweaye on the next possession responded with a sliding kick that that found its way in for the score. With just under 24:19 to play, three corner kicks, but two of them sailed high.



East Central Community College Seltue Karweaye (18) dribbles past a Mississippi Gulf Coast defender during last week's match that ended in a 1-1 tie. (Photo by Carisa McCain).

Gulf Coast's Phillip Marshall sparked the Bulldogs' biggest scoring threat as he and Ellis made a play down field that opened up a 25-yard kick from Brock Moss that made it into the goal for the tie at 1-1 with just 12:15 left.

ECCC fought off 15 attempts by Gulf Coast to end the last 20 minutes of play to extend the game into

"We needed to finish it, they put us back on our heels," said ECCC head coach Kenneth Thompson.

ECCC got into Bulldog territory with three left but two scoring attempts failed to close out the game, with double-overtime approaching.

Once double-overtime began the Bulldogs had ample opportunity to put the game in the bag. After a miss by Marshall, Nick

Ditto.

Gulf Coast had many shots hit the goal post. The ball was bouncing the Warriors way but a final charge by Theobald and Holmes evaporated as the game ended.

ECCC ends the season with a 9-6-3 record overall and a division record of 5-3-2.

The Soccer Warriors are led by fourth-year head coach Kenneth Thompson

WEEK OF Nov 11

Soccer Warriors come up short against Gulf Coast

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Karweaye Leads League in Scoring

Karweaye led the South Division in scoring with 17 goals, according to MACJC statistics released followed the 2002 campaign.

A sophomore forward from Liberia, West Africa, Karweaye also had six assists and played a key role in leading the Soccer Warriors to their best season in the program's four-year existence.

Freshman midfielder John Theobald was also among the scoring leaders. Theobald, a product of St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg, tied for fourth in scoring with eight goals and two assists.

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EC's Karweaye: Always a Warrior!

Pictured is East Central's Selue Karweaye, a native of Liberia, West Africa. Karweaye was an outstanding soccer player the past two seasons for the ECCC Warriors.

East Central Community College's Selue Karweaye, is a native of Liberia, West Africa and has always dreamed of playing soccer in the professional leagues.

If his two seasons on the College soccer team are any indications, that dream just might come true. The sophomore forward, led the South Division in scoring with 17 goals. He also had six assists and played a key role in leading the Soccer Warriors to their best season (9-6-3) in the program's four-year history.

So how did a guy from West Africa find his way to East Central Community College in rural Mississippi?

"I found the College on the Internet", Karweaye said. "I found out they had a soccer team and I contacted Coach (Kenneth Thompson)."

Karweaye said he was grateful that Thompson was able to see him practice and offered him a scholarship.

"I came here mainly to go to school," Karweaye said. "But I was very fortunate that Coach let me practice with the team and after seeing me play

"I'm happy at EC," Karweaye said. "The population is small. The people are friendly. The faculty is second to none. People in Decatur have been very receptive. I think it's a wonderful place to be."

Not only has Karweaye enjoyed the people he has met during his two years in Decatur, he has also had a wonderful time playing soccer.

"I'm glad to have been able to help the EC soccer program during its growth," Karweaye said. "I have been able to play with guys who are very serious about East Central soccer. The coaches are some of the best I have ever worked under. Coach Thompson and Coach (Roy) Pete always push us to go beyond the limit and to strive for more.

"I think that's helped the team a lot. We did a good job, the coach, the team and myself. We are setting a standard for EC soccer and I hope others will continue where we left off. We did not lose a match on our home field this season and I hope East Central soccer continues to prosper."

Karweaye was also thankful for the fans. "I want to thank everybody that

during the final game with South Division champion Gulf Coast. It was really a great game. And everyone was excited. Although we didn't win, we did tie and kept our home record of no losses in 2002."

In every athlete's life, there are games they will never forget. Karweaye has three that stand out.

"When we played Jones last season," said Karweaye , "the game went into overtime and everyone thought we were losing. Then I scored the winning goal.

"The second game was against Meridian. Everyone knows they were national champions. They have all these credentials and everyone thinks they are untouchable.

"When we started playing, they scored twice and everyone thought it was over. But it wasn't. EC fought back hard and I was able to score two goals and we tied them in Meridian."

"When they came here, we won 2-1. Everybody played hard and I scored twice in that game. I will always remember it. To beat Meridian was a great feeling because they are really good. But they are not better than East Central."

Now that Karweaye has completed two seasons at East Central, he hopes to complete his associate's degree and move on to the next level.

"I have four schools looking at me now," Karweaye said." I am just waiting to see who offers the best scholarship. I am looking forward to playing again."

It is also important to Karweaye to be able to complete his education in nursing.

"I have always dreamed of playing professionally and I hope I can play harder, work harder and step up my game and maybe be drafted by a professional league," Karweaye said. "However, if I step on the field and get injured or something, I want to have an academic career to rely on for the future."

Wherever Karweaye goes next, he says it will be difficult to leave friends he has made in Decatur.

"East Central is where it all started for me. It will be difficult to leave my friends in the community and my Christian family at Clarke-Venable

Baptist Church." Karweaye said. "I have adopted Decatur as my second home and the people have been so nice to me.

Although Karweaye says he loves America, he also said he eventually plans to return to Africa.

"I want to be able to go back to Africa to help people," said Karweaye.

"I think I have been so blessed to receive a college education and even if I

his classes at East Central. He has bee speaking English since the sixth grad and said as long as people speak "good English to him he can understand them However street talk or slang words sometimes make it more difficult.

Karweaye expressed his apprecia tion to all the people at East Central wh have helped him during his two year here.

"I want to thank Coach Thompso and Coach Pete for the opportunity an for the trust they put in me," Karweay said. "I am also thankful to my team mates and the student body who accep ed me. The faculty helped me out a lot. would like to thank Ms. (Donna) Luke i the admissions office, the librarians, an Dr. Sutphin and Dr. Sparkman. I am als grateful to my church family and peopl in the town of Decatur."

He added, "I am a Warrior and always will be a Warrior!"

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ECCC star named to NJCAA honorable mention l

By Ryan Satcher
staff writer

Seltue Karweaye was named as an honorable mention for the 2002 NJCAA Men's Division I Soccer All-American Team. He was also named to the All-State Team.

The East Central sophomore led his team to third in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College's South division. The Warriors just missed a shot to play in the post-season.

Tommy Robinson was the only Mississippi soccer player named to the All American team. The sophomore from Northwest was named as a Second Team All American. He was also named to the All-Region 23 and All-State team.

Four local athletes were named to the 2002 All-Region 23 Soccer Team. Brian Stringer was selected for the men's team. He played forward for Meridian Community College this season.

Ashley Hughes, a freshman midfielder, and freshman forward Shauna Craig, both of Jones County Junior College, were named to the women's team along with freshman forward/midfielder Candice Beard of MCC.

Other members of the All-Region men's team are: Steve Chisolm, Gulf Coast; Brent Orr, Gulf Coast; Jeremiah Noack, Gulf Coast; Ryan Ceccorrullie, Gulf Coast; Alan Lannoy, Hinds; Aubrey Chapman, Hinds; Eric Gannon, Hinds.

Members of the All-Region 23 women's team are: Allison Mullen, Hinds; Melanie Mendrop, Hinds; Cassie Griffing, Hinds; Jill Breland, Hinds; Michelle Beatty, Hinds; Anne Renee Foster, Hinds; Ashley Chrisman, Pearl River; Gina Neely, Pearl River; Amy Dominguez, Northwest; Lindsey Young, Northwest.

Other local athletes were named to the All-State Soccer Team for the MACJC.

Three players from East Mississippi Community College were chosen. Sophomore Hayley Ballard and freshman Stephanie Goldsmith along with sophomore Chris Wilkens represent EMCC.

Jones had four players make All-State. Sophomore sweeper Amanda Smith, Hughes and Craig represent the Lady Bobcats while sophomore sweeper Brantley Fryfogle was named for the Bobcats.

Two women and three men were named from MCC. Freshman forward/midfielder Cheri R. Wilson and sophomore forward/midfielder Morgan Wright represent the Lady Eagles. Freshman Midfielders Bryan Bledsoe and Brandon Rodgers along with freshman forward Benton Dufour were named for the Eagles.

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ECCC rodeo ranked among nation's best

East Central Community College's rodeo teams are ranked among the best in region competition at the midway mark of the 2002-03 season, according to results provided by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

The Warriors are currently in fourth place, while the EC women's team is ranked eighth in the Ozark Region, which includes 14 colleges and universities from throughout the Southeast. Results are following competition at Missouri Valley College, Southern Arkansas University, University of West Alabama, ECCC (Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia) and Murray State University.

Several members of each team are also ranked in their respective categories.

Daniel Moore of Nanih Waiya is rated first in the team roping heeler event and is in ninth place in saddle bronc riding. Billy Mack Kinard of West Lauderdale has the top spot in the team roping header competition. In bull riding, Chance Smart of Vardaman is in third place and Drew Walters of Louin is ranked eighth.

Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater is rated fourth in breakaway roping and Jamie Andrews of Florence is in tenth place in the same event. Kasidi Griffin of Newton is ranked fifteenth in barrel racing.

Larry Dial serves as coach.

East Central resumes competition February 20-22, 2003, at Mississippi State University.

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Presented ECCC Soccer Team Awards

These East Central Community College soccer players received various team honors following their successful 2002 campaign. Seated from left are defender Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County, Hustle Award; forward Seltue Karweaye of The Peoples Institute in Liberia, West Africa, best offensive player and co-Most Valuable Player; midfielder Brandon Ditto of Brandon, co-Most Valuable Player; and defender Nate Alexander of Corinth, team captain and co-Most Valuable Player. Standing from left are midfielder Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central, Academic Award; midfielder Robbie Phillipson of Morton, most improved; and midfielder Beau Theobald of St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg, "Shot of the Year" award. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and soccer coaches Kenneth Thompson (head) and Roy Pete (volunteer assistant) presented the awards at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. The 2002 Soccer Warriors recorded the most successful season in the program's four-year existence by posting a 9-6-3 overall mark and a 5-3-2 slate in South Division competition.(EC Photo)

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East Cent. soccer player kicks way to All-American

Junior college soccer honors were passed out recently and East Central not only landed an all-state member, but an all-american.

Seltue Karweaye was named to the South Divison All-State team and to the NJCAA Divison I All-American Soccer Team.

The Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges 2002 All-State Soccer Team was named recently.

For the North women, they were: Amanda Jasper, Hinds, midfielder/defender; Emily Holiday, Hinds, defender; Sarah Harrison, Hinds, defender; Natalie Breithaupt, Hinds, midfield; Lindsey Young, Northwest, midfielder/forward; Amy Dominguez, Northwest, defender; Adrienne Whitson, Northwest, midfield, Hayley Ballard, East Miss., defender; and Stephanie Goldsmith, East Miss., midfield.

For the South women, they were: Gina Neely, Pearl River, forward; Ashley Chrisman, Pearl River, forward; Brooke Conover, Pearl River, Sweeper; Katie Fillingame, Pearl River, forward; Amanda Smith, Jones, Sweeper; Ashley Hughes, Jones, midfield; Shauna Craig, Jones, forward; Cheri Wilson, Meridian, forward/midfield; Morgan Wright, Meridian, forward/midfield, and Jill McCabe, Gulf Coast, defender.

North men were: Eric Hall, Hinds, defender; Tom Rush, Hinds, defender; Steven Meniglio, Hinds, midfield; Michael Coleman, Hinds, midfield; Tommy Robison, Northwest, forward; Chris Pino, Northwest, defender; Jon Woolfolk, Northwest, defender; Chase Grogan, Delta, midfield; Trey Towles, Delta, forward; Chris Wilkens, East Miss., midfield; and Crisler Torrence, Holmes, defender.

South men were: Steve Chisholm, Gulf Coast, midfield; Brent Orr, Gulf Coast, forward; Jeremiah Noack, Gulf Coast, keeper; Ryan Ceccorrullie, Gulf Coast, midfield; Bryan Bledsoe, Meridian, midfield; Brandon Rodgers, Meridian, midfield; Benton Dufour, Meridian, forward; David Heaps, Pearl River, midfielder; Stephen Kulikowski, Pearl River, stopper; Seltue Karweaye, East Central, forward; and Brantley Fryfogle, Jones, sweeper.

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WEEK OF 4 Feb 02

Quickness among attributes of EC softball team

From special reports

Fans attending East Central Community College fast-pitch softball games this spring will witness a much-faster squad compared to year's past, which is one of the reasons head coach Mike Anderson is "cautiously optimistic" about the success of his 2002 squad.

"We have more team speed - offensively and defensively- which will allow us to be a lot more aggressive not only on the base paths but in fielding the ball as well. We should also be strong at the pitching position, and with the return of our top hitters, this season could be very successful for us," said Anderson, who begins his tenth year leading the women's softball program and second season of fast-pitch competition.

The Lady Warriors posted a 20-20 mark in 2001, which was quite an accomplishment considering the team's lack of fast-pitch experience.

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beginning of the season was to win at least 20 games, and that's what we accomplished. Even though we only have three returnees on this year's squad, I feel confident we will have a good year," Anderson said.

Returning sophomores are pitcher/first baseman Emily Casey, catcher Sommer Averett, both of Union, and infielder Bernice Hannah of Louisville.

Also on the squad is sophomore infielder Jackie Avant, a transfer from Meridian Community College, who is a former standout at Newton County High School. Casey was credited with 19 of the 20 wins and was one of the team's top hitters and RBI-producers. She batted third in the lineup and followed Averett, who scored most of the runs.

Expected to share pitching duties with Casey are freshmen Jennie Battle of Philadelphia and April Bufkin of Newton County High School, who are also outfielders. Anderson said the additional hurlers provide a much-needed boost for the defense.

"Having two other pitchers means Casey does not have the carry the load every game like she did last year. We will also have a better defense behind her, meaning she should be throwing fewer pitches each game," Anderson said.

In addition to Battle and Bufkin, other freshmen are infielders Faith Whitfield of Louisville, Paige Posey of Leake Academy, Amanda Wilcher of Edinburg; outfielders Brandi Lyons of Newton County Academy, Paige Sullivan of Nanih Waiya, Krystal Moore and Ronda Munn, both of Philadelphia, and Frances McDougle of Union; and catcher Anna Pearl of Pearl. Student assistants are Jessie Warren of Scott Central, Luke Horton of Newton County and Casey Page of Newton. Brodie Perkins of Carthage serves as trainer.

The Lady Diamond Warriors begin season action at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 9 against visiting East Mississippi Community College.

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Lady Warriors expect better year in 200

By Marty Stamper
staff writer

JUCO SOFTBALL

DECATUR — A year ago, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors fast-pitch softball team was a lot like a Jerry Clower story.

Some of the players were playing in the first fast-pitch game they'd ever seen.

"Last year we played the season with just 10 girls and only four had ever played fast-pitch," ECCC coach Mike Anderson said. "Seven of the 10 were freshmen. My goal at the beginning of the season was to win at least 20 games and that's what we accomplished."

The Lady Warriors went 20-20 as they, along with the other MACJC members, retired the slow-pitch game in favor of fast-pitch.

"Even though we only have three returnees on this year's squad, I feel confident we will have a good year," Anderson said.

"We will have more team speed which will allow us to be a lot more aggressive, not only on the basepaths, but in fielding the ball as well. We should also be strong at the pitching position and with the return of our top hitters, this season could be very successful for us."

Back on the mound is sophomore Emily Casey, who won 19 of ECCC's 20 games in 2001. Also slated to see time on the mound are April Bufkin and Jennie Battle. Both play in the outfield as well.

Bufkin was 23-3 as a senior at Newton County last spring.

"Having two other pitchers means Casey does not have to carry the load every game like she did last year," Anderson said. "We will also have a better defense behind her, meaning she should be throwing fewer pitches each game."

Behind the plate for her second year is Sommer Averett, who was one of the top hitters a year ago.

Also returning is infielder Bernice Hannah.

Also on the 2002 roster is Jackie Denise Avant, a transfer from 2001 Region 23 Division I champion Meridian Community College. Avant is expected to start in the infield.

Other freshmen are outfielde Munn, Frances McDougle, Krystal M Sullivan, and Brandi Upton. Rook include Faith Whitfield, Paige Amanda Wilcher. Anna Moore will h catching chores.

The Lady Warriors will be dethrone defending Region 23 Divis pion Mississippi Gulf Coast. The La advanced to the national tournamen last year.

The Lady Warriors open th Tuesday at home against East Mis 1:30 p.m. doubleheader.

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East Central drops baseball opener

LIVINGSTON, Ala. — East Central Community College dropped its season-opener to Shelton (Ala.) State 6-0 on Thursday, in a game played at Tartt Field on the campus of the University of West Alabama.

ECCC picked up three hits in the game, but made three errors. Shelton made no errors to go with six hits.

Corey Blackwell was the losing pitcher for East Central. The Warriors host East Mississippi Monday at 1 p.m. in a single nine-inning game.

— Austin Bishop

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DECATUR — Area high school students are invited to attend the annual "Be Our Guest Night" today at East Central Community College.

High school students will be admitted free to the ECCC Lady Warrior and Warrior basketball games against South Division foe Jones County Junior College at 6 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood gym.

Students also will have an opportunity to win various door prizes. Recognition of the campus visitors will be made between games.

For more information call East Central Community College, at (601) [illegible], ext. 375.

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DECATUR — Dr. Walter Reed of Jackson will serve as guest speaker when East Central Community College holds its annual Black History Month program.

The activity is scheduled at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. This year's guest choir is from East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

For more information call Brenda K. Johnson, ECCC gospel choir advisor, at 635-3285.

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ECCC LADY WARRIORS

The East Central Community College softball team begins its season on Tuesday when the Lady Warriors play host to East Mississippi Community College in a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader. Pictured are, front row from left, Rachel Smith, Sommer Averett, Paige Sullivan, Jennie Battle and April Bufkin. Second row, from left, Brandi Upton, Faith Whitfield, Bernice Hannah, Rhonda Munn and Jackie Avant. Standing, from left, Emily Casey, Anna Moore, Amanda Wilcher, Krystal Moore, Frances McDougle and Paige Posey. The Lady Warriors were 20-20 last season in their first year of fast-pitch combination. Mike Anderson, not pictured, is the head coach, while Jessie Warren and Luke Horton are student assistants.

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These members of the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team are eagerly anticipating the 2002 season, which got underway Tuesday, February 19. The East Central women posted a 20-20 record in 2001, which represented their first season of fast-pitch competition. First row, from left, are infielder Rachel Smith, Grace Christian; catcher Sommer Averett, Union; outfielder Paige Sullivan, Nanih Waiya; pitcher/outfielder Jennie Battle, Philadelphia; and pitcher/outfielder April Bufkin, Newton County. Second row, from left, are outfielder Brandi Upton, Newton County Academy; infielders Faith Whitfield and Bernice Hannah, both of Louisville; outfielder Rhonda Munn, Philadelphia; and infielder Jackie Avant, Newton County. Standing from left are pitcher/first baseman Emily Casey, Union; catcher Anna Moore, Pearl; infielder Amanda Wilcher, Edinburg; outfielder Krystal Moore, Philadelphia; outfielder Frances McDougle, Union; and infielder Paige Posey, Leake Academy. Mike Anderson begins his tenth year as Lady Warrior softball coach. Student assistants are Jessie Warren of Scott Central and Luke Horton of Newton County.

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Lady warrior fast-pitch squad gets the season kicked off

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Lady Warriors expect improvement

Fans attending East Central Community College fast-pitch softball games this spring will witness a much-faster squad compared to year's past, which is one of the reasons head coach Mike Anderson is "cautiously optimistic" about the success of his 2002 squad.

"We have more team speed — offensively and defensively — which will allow us to be a lot more aggressive, not only on the basepaths but in fielding the ball as well. We should also be strong at the pitching position, and with the return of our top hitters, this season could be very successful for us," said Anderson, who begins his 10th year leading the women's softball program and second season of fast-pitch competition.

The Lady Warriors posted a 20-20 mark in 2001, which was quite an accomplishment considering the team's lack of fast-pitch experience.

"Last year we played the season with just 10 girls, and only four had ever played fast-pitch," Anderson said. "Seven of the 10 were freshmen.

"My goal at the beginning of the season was to win at least 20 games and that's what we accomplished. Even though we only have three returnees on this year's squad, I feel confident we will have a good year."

Returning sophomores are pitcher/first baseman Emily Casey, catcher Sommer Averett, both of Union, and infielder Bernice Hannah of Louisville. Also on the squad is sophomore infielder Jackie Avant, a transfer from Meridian Community College, who is a former standout at Newton County High School.

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East Central opens 2nd fast-pitch year

WEEK OF 25 Feb 02

The East Central Lady Diamond Warriors opened their second season of fast-pitch baseball last week with an emphasis on speed.

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Anderson began his tenth year leading the women's softball program with last week's season opener against East Mississippi.

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Returning sophomores are pitcher/first baseman Emily Casey, catcher Summer Averett and infielder Bernice Hannah. Also on the squad is sophomore Jackie Avant, a transfer from Meridian Community College.

Casey was credited with 19 of the 20 wins last year and was one of the team's top hitters.

Freshmen Jennie Battle and April Bufkin are slated to help relieve Casey on the mound this season.

Additional freshmen on this year's squad include Paige Posey of Leake Academy and Amanda Wilcher of Edinburg.

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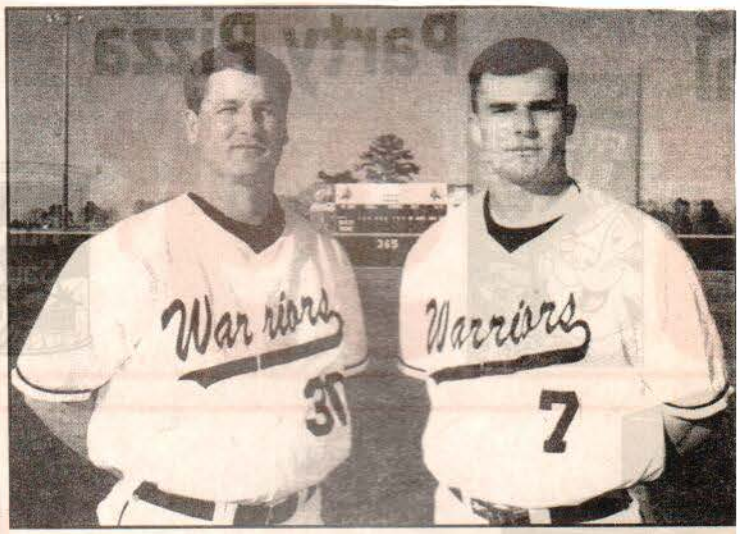
PITCHERS AND CATCHERS - on Lady Warrior fast pitch softball team are (kneeling, from left) catchers Anna Moore of Pearl and Sommer Averett of Union, and (standing from left) pitchers April Bufkin of Newton County, Jennie Battle of Philadelphia and Emily Casey of Union. The Lady Warriors began competition by hosting EMCC February 19. Mike Anderson begins his 10th year as coach.



ECCC BASEBALL COACHES -Jake Yarborough, left, begins his first year as head coach of the East Central Community College baseball team. Yarborough, who served as an assistant during the 2001 campaign for the late Jamie Clark, previously led the baseball program at Taylorsville High School. He is also a former standout at Delta State University, ECCC and Union High School. At right is assistant coach Patrick Robey, who earlier served as a graduate assistant at DSU. He was also a standout at DSU, Jones County Junior College and Taylorsville High School. (EC Photo)

BASEBALL MANAGERS - for the East Central Community College baseball team during the 2002 campaign are (from left) Brian Newell of Clarkdale, Charlene Foreman of Little Rock and Jason Eaves of Nanih Waiya. The Diamond Warriors are led by first year head coach Jake Yarborough. (EC Photo)

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Warriors split two with MCC

By Austin Bishop/EMG regional sports director
Feb. 27, 2002

East Central Community College head women's fast-pitch softball coach Mike Anderson was all smiles Tuesday night at the Northeast Softball Complex.

While his Lady Warriors had just dropped a 10-2 run-rule decision to host Meridian Community College, it was what happened a couple of hours earlier that pleased Anderson.

East Central scored three runs in the top of the last inning to take a 6-2 win over MCC, ranked No. 19 in the country by the NJCAA.

"I tried to tell the girls this afternoon that if they couldn't get up to play a nationally ranked program that has been to the National Tournament two years in a row that there just wouldn't be any hope for them," Anderson said. "We did a good job the first game. I think we lost our focus in the second game."

ECCC 6

MCC 2

The win was the fifth straight to open the season for the Lady Warriors, who swept East Mississippi Community College and Holmes Community College to open the season.

East Central used a two-run single by Anna Moore to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first and upped it to 3-0 with a single run in the third, before the Lady Eagles scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to cut it to 3-2.

Moore's RBI single in the top of the seventh, was followed by a two-run double off the bat of Bernice Hannah to put the winners up by four runs.

Moore, Sommer Averett and Emily Casey had two singles each for ECCC, while Stephanie Dixon had two doubles for MCC and Layla Brewer had two singles.

Anderson said he was very pleased with the growth of his program.

"As a general rule for second year programs (we are doing well)," he said. "I have got a good commitment out of the girls and they are hustling hard. I feel real good about it."

MCC coach Robert Eakins said East Central took control in the opener.

"They dictated the whole thing in the first game," he said. "The bottom line is we were not focused to play, but they have a good

little ball club. They put the ball in play and that is what you have got to do in this league. Put it in play and things will happen."

MCC 10

ECCC 2

After falling behind 2-0 in the top of the first, Meridian scored four times in the second and four more in the fourth on the way to the run-rule win.

The Lady Warriors were limited to three singles in the second game, while the Lady Eagles took advantage of several ECCC errors.

Sonya Booker ripped a single and double to lead Meridian, while Ann McLean had two singles.

Anderson said it was the errors that hurt ECCC in the nightcap.

"It's kind of like a snowball," Anderson said of the miscues that led to the pair of four-run innings for the Lady Eagles. "You start it and you can't stop it."

East Central returns to action on Thursday when the Lady Warriors visit Mississippi Delta Community College, while Meridian Community College (8-6) visits Pensacola Junior College on Thursday.

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WEEK OF 4 Mar 02

DECATUR — East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, received top honors at the Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Convention held in Vicksburg.

Theta Xi was received the Most Outstanding Chapter Award and the Leadership Hallmark Award. Ann Burkes of Decatur, former ECCC head librarian and chapter adviser, was recognized as the Outstanding Alumna for 2002. Sophomore Lana Rogers of Carthage was inducted into the prestigious Order of the Golden Key. In addition, the ECCC chapter was elected to serve the region as president for 2002-03.

Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson serve as Theta Xi advisers.

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East Central takes two from Hinds

The East Central Lady Warriors knocked off Hinds 3-2 in a two-game series at Decatur Tuesday afternoon.

Faith Whitfiled, Anna Moore, and Rhonda Munn went 2-for-3 to lead the way for the Lady Warriors.

Emily Casey was the winning pitcher. Casey advanced to 4-0 on the season.

In game two, the Lady Warriors continued to roll, when they swept Hinds 3-2 in the final game to move to 7-1 on the season.

Paige Sullivan and Summer Averett went 1-for-3 and a run scored apiece for the Lady Warriors. April Bufkin picked up the win for the Lady Warriors. Bufkin was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

— Jamie Sullivan

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ECCC takes two from Miss. Delta

From staff reports

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors fast-pitch softball team swept Mississippi Delta Thursday winning the first game 20-2 and the second 14-5.

Emily Casey picked up her sixth win of the season with the win for the Lady Warriors in the opener.

The Lady Warriors were led in hitting by Rhonda Munn, Sommer Averett, Anna Moore, and April Bufkin with two hits apiece, and two runs scored. Bufkin had three RBIs and a solo home run.

In the second game, Bufkin picked up the win for the Lady Warriors, as she advances to 5-1 on the year.

The Lady Warriors, now 11-1 on the season, were led at the plate by Munn and Averett as they went 3-for-4 with three runs scored. Paige Posey went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Casey was 1-for-3 with one run scored and four RBIs.

The Lady Warriors return to action on March 19 when they host Southwest Community College at 1:30 p.m.

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CAUGHT!

East Central's Jackie Avant tags Mississippi Delta's Carly Haik out at first following a run down during fast-pitch softball action on Thursday afternoon.

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DIAMOND WARRIORS - These student-athletes from Newton County are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 2002 campaign. Seated from left are third baseman/second baseman Josh Chaney and pitcher Michael Holifield, both of Newton County High School and second baseman/outfielder Daniel Russell of Newton County Academy. Standing from left are pitcher Corey Amis of Newton County, pitcher Chris Comans of Newton and third baseman/pitcher Justin Darby of Union. the Diamond Warriors are led by first year head coach Jake Yarborough. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Lady Diamond Warriors Sport 7-1 Record

Fast-pitch softball competition is off to a fast start for East Central Community College's Lady Diamond Warriors who swept a double-header from Mississippi Delta Community College Thursday afternoon and improved to 7-1 for the 2002 campaign.

Sommer Averett of Union was three-for-four and scored two runs in leading East Central to a 5-3 decision in the first contest. Rhonda Munn of Philadelphia also scored a pair of runs. Emily Casey of Union was the winning pitcher.

In the second game, EC cruised to a 15-3 victory. Anna Moore of Pearl led the Lady Warriors' offensive attack, as she went three-for-three and scored two runs. She also collected three RBIs. April Bufkin of Newton County picked up the win and also went three-for-four at the plate. In addition, Bufkin scored one run and had four RBIs.

East Central hosts Hinds Community College on Tuesday and will entertain Mississippi Delta on Thursday. Double-header action gets underway at 1:30 p.m. for both matchups. The Lady Warriors resume play following spring break by hosting Southwest Mississippi Community College at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19. Mike Anderson serves as head coach.

ECCC Spanks EMCC In Spring Game, 26-13

East Central Community College concluded spring football drills by defeating East Mississippi Community College 26-13 Thursday afternoon at Warrior Stadium on the Decatur campus.

The Warriors grabbed an early 7-0 lead on a six-yard scamper by running back Ramon Williams of Daphne, Ala. Travares Oxley of Hueytown, Ala., kicked the PAT.

After East Mississippi closed the scoring gap to 7-6, the Warriors responded with two tallies - an 85-yard fumble return by linebacker Josh Viverette of Lake and a 33-yard dash by quarterback Terrell Robinson of Palatka, Fla., - to take a 20-6 lead at halftime.

East Central's final points came on a 17-yard run by quarterback Kevin Stevens of Troy, Ala. Oxley added the PAT. Stevens' touchdown was set up by Robinson's 53-yard gainer.

The Lions scored late on a two-yard run.

Terry Underwood, ECCC head coach, said he was pleased with the Warriors' effort.

"The spring game was a good experience for both teams, as it provided an opportunity for players to block and tackle someone other than their teammates for a change. We did a lot of good things, and obviously there are some areas where we need to improve. Overall, it was great feeling to end spring training on a positive note. I certainly appreciate Coach (Tom) Goode and his staff for bringing their players to Decatur and participating in our spring game."

The Warriors begin the 2002 campaign by hosting Holmes Community College on Thursday, September 5. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium.

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Lady Diamond Warriors Improve To 11-1 Following Sweep Of Delta

DECATUR--East Central Community- College's fast-pitch softball team cruised to a double-header sweep of visiting Mississippi Delta Thursday afternoon and improved to 11-1 for the 2002 campaign.

The Lady Diamond Warriors exploded for 12 runs - including back-to-back homers by Anna Moore of Pearl and April Bufkin of Newton County- in the first inning of game one en route to a 20-2 thrashing over the Lady Trojans.

Moore and Bufkin also had singles each and scored twice in the non-division matchup, which was called after five innings. Other top sluggers were Rhondam Munn of Philadelphia and Sommer Averett of Union, with two singles each and two runs scored. Emily Casey of Union picked up her sixth win on the mound.

In the second game- a 14-5 decision - Munn and Averett led the offensive attack as they went three-for-four and scored three runs each. Paige Posey of Philadelphia went three-for-three with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Casey went one-for-three with one run scored and four RBIs. Bufkin earned the win for East Central, as she improved to 5-1.

East Central returns to action March 19 against Southwest Mississippi Community College at 1:30 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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NEWTON COUNTY LADY WARRIORS - Members of East Central Community College's 2002 fast-pitch softball team from Newton County-area schools are (front), catcher Sommer Averett, Union; (second row, from left) infielder Jackie Avant and pitcher/outfielder April Bufkin, both of Newton County; and (standing from left) pitcher/first baseman Emily Casey, Union; outfielder Brandi Upton, Newton County Academy; and outfielder Frances McDougle, Union. Mike Anderson is in his tenth year as women's softball coach. (EC Photo)

Ole Miss Rally April 8 at ECCC

Ole Miss Alumni and Supporters are reminded of the rally to be held Monday, April 8 at ECCC (Decatur) Gold Room - 6 - 7 p.m. Hors d oeuvres and silent auction and socialize; 7 p.m. - Ole Miss Coach David Cutcliff and other University representatives. Tickets are $10. Dress is casual. For tickets call - Ricky Harrison, Dr. J. G. Alexander or Bill May.

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Lady Warriors off to 11-1 start

by Marty Stamper

East Central Community College's Lady Diamond Warriors swept fast-pitch doubleheaders from Hinds and Mississippi Delta at Decatur prior to Spring Break to up their record to 11-1.

• **EC 3-3, Hinds 2-2:** Emily Casey (5-0) was the winning pitcher in the opener of the March 5 twinbill.

Going 2-for-3 to lead EC at the plate were Faith Whitfield, Anna Moore, and Rhonda Munn.

April Bufkin picked up the win in the second game and went 2-for-3 at the plate with a pair of RBIs.

Other top hitters for the Lady Warriors were Paige Sullivan and Sommer Averett, who both went 1-for-3 and scored a run apiece.

• **EC 20-14, Delta 2-5:** The Lady Warriors upped their record to 11-1 with the March 7 sweep.

EC exploded for 12 runs — including back-to-back homers by Anna Moore and April Bufkin — in the first inning of game one. Moore and Bufkin also had singles each and scored two runs apiece.

Rhonda Munn and Sommer Averett both had two singles and scored twice.

Emily Casey (6-0) got the win.

In the second game, Munn and Averett led the offensive attack as they went 3-for-4 and scored three runs each. Paige Posey went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Casey had four RBIs.

Bufkin (5-1) earned the win.

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Lady Warriors of East Central take two wins over from Jones

JUCO SOFTBALL

By Marty Stamper
MG sports assistant

DECATUR — Twice East Central Community College spotted the Jones Junior College Lady Bobcats a quick 2-0 lead in Tuesday's South Division doubleheader. And twice the Lady Warriors rallied for wins, taking a 7-2, 5-2 sweep.

ECCC improved to 8-4 in the MACJC South Division and 17-5 overall. Jones fell to 5-7 and 11-7.

Gulf Coast and Pearl River entered the day atop the standings with 7-3 league marks.

"We're halfway through (the division schedule) and we start over Saturday at Hinds," ECCC coach Mike Anderson said.

"I'm pleased with us at the halfway point record-wise. I'm not pleased with the way we got there. I hope can get a little better.

"We've got to get better. Our pitchers get the job done, we just don't get it done behind them defensively every inning."

ECCC committed four errors in the doubleheader. Jones had 10 boots, five of which came in the final three innings.

"This is stuff we've repped and repped in practice and did it in game situations," JCJC coach Grant Crowder said. "We're just not playing as a team right now. That's basically it. We're a good team that is just not executing. I feel like we're going to win a lot more ballgames, today just wasn't our day."

Jones jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning of the opener as Demetrice Jones led off with a bunt single and scored when Courtney Harrington's sacrifice bunt turned into a three-base error.

Harrington then scored on a two-out single by Amanda Smith.

Emily Casey (9-2) allowed only two more hits the rest of the way for the Lady Warriors. She finished with six strikeouts and two walks in the four-hitter.

ECCC took the lead in the bottom of the fourth, turning five hits, a walk, and an error into six runs. Faith Whitfield, Frances McDougle, and Sommer Averett each had an RBI-single in the inning with Jenny Battle adding a two-run single that gave the Lady Warriors a 3-2 lead.

The Lady Warriors added an insurance run in the fifth as Anna Moore singled with pinch runner Krystal Moore crossing the plate on a double to right-center by April Bufkin. Bufkin went 2-for-3 in the opener.

ECCC outhit Jones eight to four.

Lindsey Freeman (5-4) took the loss.

The Lady Bobcats again took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning in the second game as Harrington reached on an error and scored on Kim Bishop's double.

Bishop was thrown out after taking a wide turn at second base. Mandy Gibson followed with another double and scored on Smith's single.

Bufkin, who allowed four hits in the top of the first, gave up only three more the rest of the game to improve to 8-3.

The Lady Warriors got one run back in the bottom of the first as Casey reached on a two-out throwing error and scored when Bufkin's ground ball to third base was booted.

ECCC got four hits in the bottom of the third in taking a 4-2 lead. Rhonda Munn, Averett, and Casey reached on bunt singles to load the bases. Munn and Averett both scored on wild pitches. After a single by Bufkin, Casey scored on an infield out by Whitfield.

Jones loaded the bases with two outs in both the sixth and seventh frames, but Bufkin was able to keep the Lady Bobcats from scoring both times.

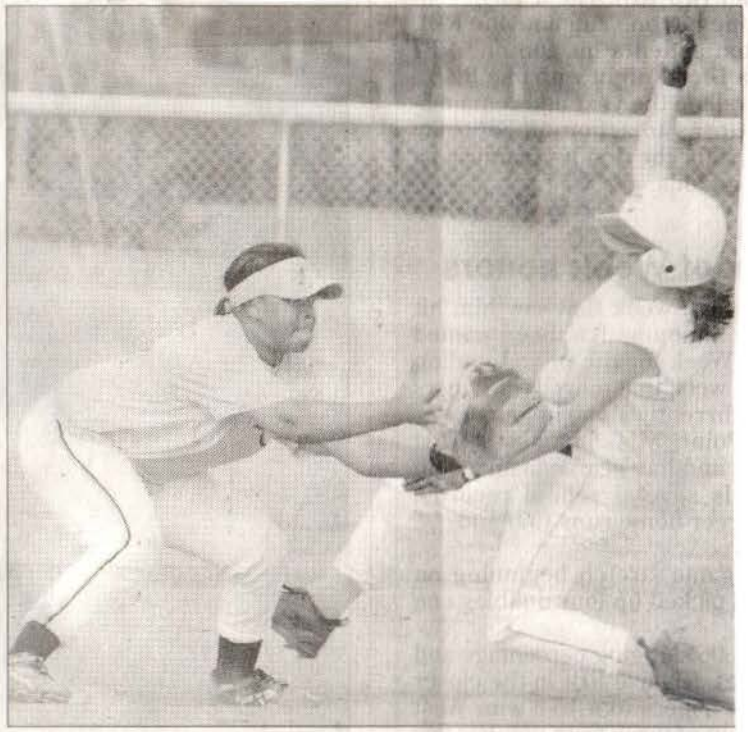
"We can't execute," Crowder said. "We just can't get it done. Right now, I'm very disappointed.

"We're going back to the basics."

Jones outhit ECCC seven to six in the second game with Bishop getting a single and a double.

Holly Neal (6-3) took the loss.

Jones travels to Scooba Thursday to play East Mississippi in a 1 p.m. doubleheader, while ECCC's next action is Saturday at Hinds in a twinbill starting at 11 a.m.



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WATCH OUT!

Jones' Kim Bishop steals second against EC's Bernice Hannah.

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OUTFIELDERS FOR ECCC LADY WARRIORS - FROM LEFT - Jennie Battle, Rhonda Munn and Krystal Moore, all of Philadelphia; Brandi Upton, Newton County Academy; Faith Whitefield, Louisville; Frances McDougle, Union; April Bufkin, Newton County; Paige Sullivan, Nanih Waiya; and Sommer Averett, Union.

INFIELDERS -ECCC LADY WARRIORS - on East Central Fast-pitch softball team are, seated from left - Jackie Avant of Newton County and Bernice Hannah of Louisville, and second row, from left - Kyrstal Moore of Philadelphia, Brandi Upton of Newton County Academy, Emily Casey of Union, Anna Moore of Pearl, Amanda Wilcher of Edinburg, Paige Posey of Leake Academy and Sommer Averett of Union. The Lady Warriors began the season on February 19 by hosting East Mississippi Community College. Mike Anderson begins his 10th year as women's softball coach. (EC Photo)

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Stephanie Dixon singled in Morgan Wright in the top of the third to cut the Bossier lead to 3-2, then Kaylora Bingham delivered a two-run homer to center to put the Lady Eagles up 4-3. Dreka Shumpert then came through with a two-run single to put the game away.

Ann McLean picked up the win on the mound for Meridian, which is now 33-26 on the season.

— Austin Bishop

East Central's Casey fires no hitter for 8-0 victory

JUCO SOFTBALL

BOONEVILLE—Despite the overcast conditions and chilly temperatures, the 2002 MACJC State/Region XXIII finally got underway on Saturday at Booneville's Westside City Park. Games were scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., however, after late night thunderstorms; start times were pushed back to noon.

Arch rivals East Mississippi and East Central squared off in a first round match at 4 p.m. East Central entered the game with a 21-13 record while East Mississippi stood at an even 18-18.

The game lasted only five innings as East Central breezed to an 8-0 shutout. Emily Casey picked up the win and a no hitter for the Lady Warriors.

East Central coach Mike Anderson was proud of his team's effort.

"Emily pitched well, and we played and hit well," Anderson said.

ECCC jumped on the boards early with Rhonda Munn, Sommer Averett, Casey, and Anna Moore all nailing consecutive base hits. Faith Whitfield reached on a fielder's choice, and both Paige Sullivan and Frances McDougle also hit base hits. Munn knocked in two more runs with her double at the end of the first inning. After one, East Central took a commanding 7-0 lead.

East Mississippi shed some light in the second inning as Shannon Brown reached on a walk. However, Brown was left on base. In the fifth inning, East Mississippi had a chance to cut the East Central into the lead in order to avoid the eight run rule, but after former West Lauderdale standout Keely Rutledge walked, both Brown and Kati Fleming recorded outs on

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TRYOUTS

ECCC to Hold Softball tryouts

East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team Monday, May 6 at the ECCC softball complex. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Lunch will be served at noon. At 12:45 p.m. a campus tour and question-and-answer session will be held. Tryouts begin at 2 :30 p.m. For more information contact ECCC head softball coach Mike Anderson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur 39327, or call 635-2111, extension 301 or call toll free (877)-462-3222, ext. 301

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WEEK OF 29 April 02

ECCC-EMCC to meet in state tourney opener

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

Neighbors East Central Community College and East Mississippi Community College will square off in opening-round action in the MACJC State/Region 23 Division II Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament Friday at Westside City Park in Booneville. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The eight-team double-elimination tournament runs through Sunday. The winner goes to the NJCAA Division II National Championship in Phoenix, Ariz.

East Mississippi's Lady Lions finished second in the MACJC North Division behind tournament host Northeast Mississippi, 22-10. The Lady Lions bring an 18-18 record into the tournament.

"We'll have to play better than we have our last six games to do much of anything," Lady Lions coach Pam Moore said.

Top hitters for East Mississippi are Jessica Vaughn (.528), Kayla Murphy (.489), Denitta Quinn (.455), and Constance Logan (.433). They bat Nos. 1 through 4 in Moore's lineup. Kati Fleming handles the pitching chores.

East Central finished its regular season with a 21-13 mark after starting out 11-1.

"That was a goal of ours when we started the season," Lady Warriors coach Mike Anderson said of making the state tournament. "We've accomplished that. We set a school record for wins with 21 and that was also a goal.

"We have not played as well the last two weeks as we would have liked to going into the tournament, but everybody starts off fresh Friday. It's a brand new season."

ECCC swept the Lady Lions 5-4 and 4-2 on Feb. 19 at Decatur.

"It was two close games and I didn't have four of my players who played basketball," Moore said.

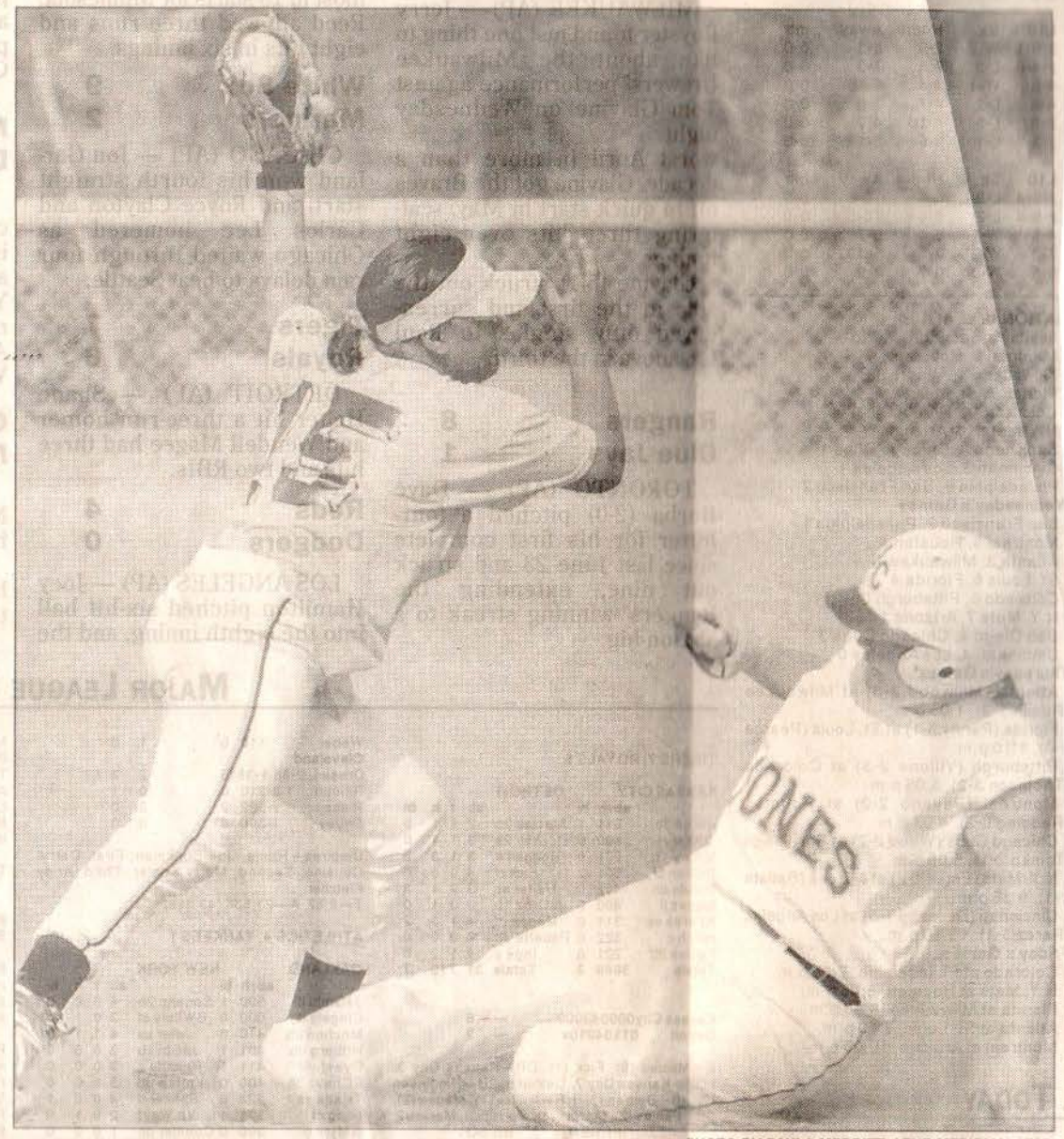
"They've certainly gotten better," Anderson said. "Coach Moore's teams always get better as the year progresses. I expect them to be considerably better than they were in February when we played them."

Leading ECCC are sophomores Emily Casey and Sommer Averett. Casey is 14-6 on the mound with a 2.67 ERA. She's also batting .301 with 12 doubles and 16 RBIs. Averett is batting .444 with 12 doubles and 14 RBIs. A catcher, Averett has thrown out 75 percent of the runners attempting to steal second base.

Other first-round games have South Division top seed Gulf Coast, 24-8, playing either Itawamba or Mississippi Delta and North Division No. 1 seed Northeast facing Hinds in the 4 p.m. contests. The other 6 p.m. matchup has South No. 2 Pearl River taking on the North No. 3 team, either Itawamba or Delta.

Northeast has a .393 team batting average.

Gulf Coast is the defending Region 23 Division II champion. The Lady Bulldogs are ranked No. 7 in the May 1 NJCAA Division II poll.



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WATCH OUT!
ECCC's BErnice Hannah forces out Jones' Lindsey Sanders in recent JUCO softball action.

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Week of May 20, 2002

ECCC Softball Award Winners

Members of the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team who received awards following the 2002 season include (from left) Anna Moore of Pearl, co-offensive player of the year; Bernice Hannah of Louisville, best defensive player; Paige Posey of Leake Academy, most improved; and Sommer Averett of Union, co-offensive player of the year, All-Region and All-State. Not pictured is Emily Casey of Union, most valuable player, All-Region and All-State. The East Central women advanced to the Region 23/MACJC Tournament where they placed fifth and completed season action with a 22-15 record. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF June 10, 2002

Harris joins Lady Warriors

Newton County senior Krissi Harris, seated center, recently signed a fast-pitch softball scholarship with East Central Community College. Shown with Harris are, seated from left, ECCC coach Mike Anderson, and Newton County coach Mack Fanning. Standing are Harris' parents, Chris and Pam Harris of Decatur.

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WEEK OF July 1, 2002

East Central signs three in softball

By Ryan Satcher
EMG sports writer

The East Central Community College softball team has signed three players so far in the offseason but is still looking for more.

Coach Mike Anderson had nine girls come to a tryout but was only able to sign three of the athletes. The other six liked the school but all signed to play at different schools this coming season.

Though not many have signed to play, coach Anderson is pleased with the trio he has signed thus far.

"They will probably come in an play as freshman," said Anderson of the signees. "We have only seven sophomores returning from last year."

Krissi Harris of Newton County High School, Deneshia Qualls of Newton High School and Summer Richie of Lamar School are the three players signed to play with the Lady Warriors next season.

Harris is the signee with the most experience in fast-pitch softball. She gained valuable experience playing for the strong Newton County fast-pitch program.

"Harris comes in with a lot of experience," said Anderson of the pitcher and middle infielder. "She will probably step right in and help us."

Qualls and Richie have less experience in fast-pitch softball but Anderson feels the two will catch on right away and soon be helpful.

Qualls comes in with only one season of fast-pitch experience at Newton High.

"Qualls is an exceptional athlete," said Anderson of the outfielder. "She will probably do something quickly."

Richie comes to East Central with no experience in fast-pitch softball. She played slow-pitch at Lamar School this past season. Though she has not played fast-pitch, Anderson thinks she will catch on quickly.

"Richie is a good athlete," said Anderson of the infielder, who will probably work at third and first. "I expect her to learn pretty quickly."

Anderson is still waiting and looking for a few more signees for the 2003 season.

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WEEK OF Dec 2

Texas Standout Joins ECCC Softball Team

DECATUR--A standout softball pitcher from Texas has signed a national letter of intent at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Kathryn Andricopoulos, an All-State performer last year at Martin's Mill High School in Ben Wheeler, Texas, will join the Lady Warriors for workouts when the 2003 spring term gets underway, announced Lady Warrior head coach Mike Anderson.

Andricopoulos went 21-7 on the mound in 2002 and led Martin's Mills to the region semi-finals en route to a 21-8 mark. She was named to the Coaches' All-State Team, Sportswriter's All-State Team, All East Texas Team and All-District. In addition, she was selected the District's most valuable player and received team MVP honors.

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ECCC BAND MEMBERS

DECATUR--These students from Scott County are members of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Paul Ford of Lena, Beth Bell, Mitzi Rogers, Brandi Townsend, Allison Latham and Erica Hall, all of Forest; Rheannan Crane of Morton, and Claudia Patrick of Sebastopol; (second row, from left) Michael Graham of Lake, Amanda Alford of Morton, Heather Hanks, Kasey Kennedy and Krystal Moore, all of Forest; and Lee Dooley of Lake; and (back row, from left) Jessie Warren, Dwayne Anderson, Chad Austin, Josh Tillman and Latrice Spivey, all of Forest; and Adrian Moore of Lake. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands. (EC Photo)

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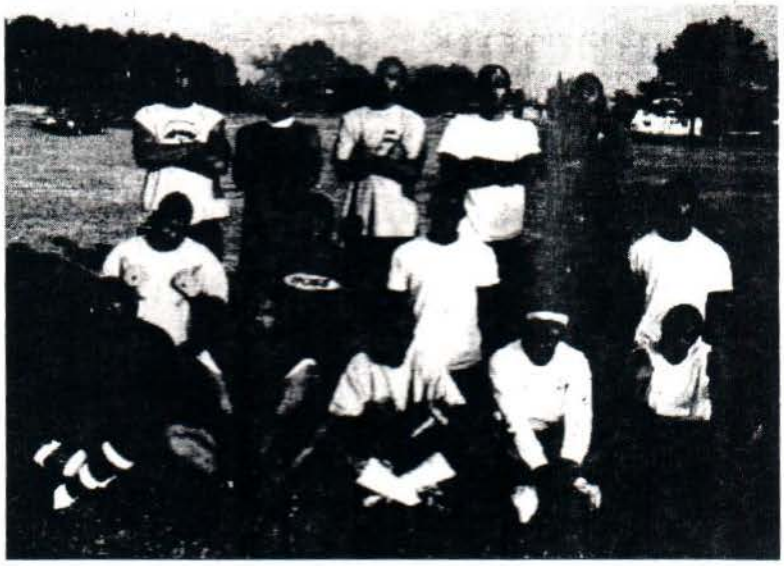

ECCC Flag Football Champs

DECATUR--"Blockburners 2001" captured the flag football championship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (seated, from left) Dishan Prior and Reggie Cistrunk, both of Louisville; Jonathan Griffin, Philadelphia; Marco Hickmon, Union; and Otha Lay, Lake; (kneeling from left)

Jonathan McGee, Philadelphia; Jessie Cooper, Galilee; Mike Graham, Union; Larry Johnson, Walnut Grove; and Terance Anderson, Louisville; and (standing, from left) Brian Johnson, Galilee; Billy Woods, Carthage; Kalus Johnson, Galilee; Trellis Mason, Union; and Joey Dixon, Mendenhall. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (EC Photo)

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Students from Scott County named to the 2001 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

The College's honor roll includes full-time students on the President's List (4.0 grade point average), Dean's List (3.5 or above) and those chosen on the Honorable Mention list (3.0 GPA or above).

Students who qualified for the honor roll and their respective hometowns include the following:

President's List

Carthage: Kimberly S. Alford, Marisa G. Henry, Bobby Dale Martin, Melvin McCaughn, Jessica L. McMahen, Megan A. Morrison, Natasha R. Phillip Betty J. Robinson, Lana Rogers and Rusty L. Vowell;

Conehatta: Mavis Dickerson Griffin, Martha McWhorter Mangrum Sarah Everett Shaffer;

Decatur: Hayden Cory Amis, Maxwell T. Anderson, Jamie Blackburn, Aaron Matt Davis, John Edward Frith, Jr., Jason B. Guraedy, Kirk T. Johnston, Summer L. Measell, Charles D. Pearce, Robby L. Pierce and Nathan Warner Stamper;

Dekalb: Brandi N. Bounds;

Forest: Narja E. Bryce, Sharon S. Burks, John Preston Foster, Brandi Jones Harvey, Brett J. Hollingsworth, April L. Jones, Tekeyla Lyles, Donna Hutchinson Wedgeworth and Shancey Foreman Young;

Lake: Willey Aaron Johnston;

Lena: Ricky Graves and Bonnie O'Bannon;

Morton: Joseph Campbell, Janice M McCullough, Matthew L. Smith Herman Dewitt Warren and Gary A Wyatt;

Newton: David B. Burt, Milin Shanikka Campbell, Connie Oceanu Chapman, Colt Collins, Haylee Holder Haralson, Kristen L. Harris, Candice Lee Hay, Alison M. Miller, Dedri Hillman Mitchell, Robert Kevin Pierce Sharon N. Rabon, Kristin Rice and Aloysius Towner;

Pulasaki: Jennifer Maner Gibson and Kathy Rock Harrison.

Walnut Grove: Nathan Busby and Lynda W. Killen.

Dean's List

Carthage: Jenifer M. Beckham, Birgit Kaiser Cobb, John Derek Freeny, Somer K. Gilmer, Pinkey Lynn Gordon, Jessica R. Grimes, Donald Bruce Harmon, Andrew J. Henry, Christen A. Herrington, Joshua Jenkins, Patricia Ann Machart, Sonya Gilmer Mansell, Stephanie Sones Mills, Kenneth Robinson, Jenna Sims, Kristi N. Smith and Kimberly N. Stone;

Conehatta: Jonathan R. Jackson, Laura Boykin Morrow, Regina Farve Shoemake, Kimberly Allen Taylor and Rhonda Belle Thomas;

Decatur: Stephanie K. Airhart, Kristopher Allen Amis, Joshua A. Burton, Heather Harrison Cater, Thomas F. Clark, Ryan Clarke, Kasey Comans, Hilliary Dawn Cotten, Brandi Bishop Foreman, Kristen E. Gardner, Bethany L. Garrison, Roy Green, Danny C. Gressett, Jessica Boatner McDaniel, Rachel J. Milling, Jacob A. Pierce, Michael Parkes Roland, Jeremy B. Stevens, Ricky D. Stewart, Charles Mingo Tingle, Roy Thomas Walters, Jr., Terri Lynn Windham and Stacey Mann York;

Forest: Mary Amanda Alford, Jessica N. Brooks, Teresa McCurdy Cager, Rachel R. Chumney, Joshua D. Cooper, Melissa Carol Craig, Kimberly LaClere DeBoer, Richard Lee Deboer, Edwit Epting, Eric D. Gunn, Christopher L. Hall, Erica L. Hall, Susan Marie Harris, Jonathan Andrew Huff, Daniel P. Kennedy, Allison L. Latham, William Joseph Page, Jennifer L. Robinson, Mitzi K. Rogers, Brandy Nicole Townsend, Adam Joseph Wall, Trilandra L. Ware, Jessie G.Warren and

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Jeremy Lance Wooten;

Lake: Teresa W. Cooksey, Odena S. Cox, Natalie Duncan, Rebecca L. Kelly, Jenne White McElhenney and Jessica Griffin Nester;

Morton: Jonathan W. Bates, Gregory T. Butler, Amanda L. Denson, Penny M. Easterling, Tracy Beavers Sanford and Teresa Sharp;

Newton: Lindsey Nicole Bridges, Jennifer N. Cuchens, Helena J. Howard, Ashley Jones, Malthia Shaunte Jones, Dan Moncrief, Celeste J. Pace, Truitt Martin Pace, Danny Ryan Purvis, Connie L. Thornton, Victoria C. Tijerina, Natalie M. Tune and Melinda Hulsey Walker;

Pulaski: Jennifer Belk Eanes, Tiffany N. Jones and Aimee Elizabeth McLaurin;

Walnut Grove: Kathleen Moore Hogue, Rebecca Killen and Mary A. Lathem.

Honorable Mention

Carthage: Sherron Rhodes Adams, Penny McElhenney Alford, Brandy S. Beckham, Ginger Britt, Jessica Brumfield, Justin Bryan Burnside, Jacqueline B. Burt, Alicia Margaret Campbell, Samantha L. Dunbar, Kenneth R. Ellis, Melissa Evans, Sonya G. Freeny, Sharon Gaddis, Larissia Wilcher Goss, Dewonna Maria Grayson, Edward J. Hartley, Richard Clint Hatch, Jennifer K. Henry, Crystal Howell, Jensen Jones, Andrew C. Kelly, Tryphosa Tyre' McFadden, Kimberly D. McMillon, Chassidy W. Minshew, Jolena Davidson Morris, Kimberly D. Odom, Jewett Dewayne Perkins, William Brody Perkins, Tanya G. Primer, Kristi G. Purvis, Amy R. Rawson, Kristen Thornton, Dusty Vowell, Benjamin Wilbanks, Amanda K. Wilcher and Lauren E. Wooten;

Decatur: Natalie Black, Jean Cannon, Kody Comans, Michael L. Cotton, Errol John Etie, Candy R. Gibson, Jon Errol Gusman, Matthew A. Harris, Whitney Leigh Harris, Eric Hollingsworth, Dinah Rebekah Howell, Chris D. Jordan, Dana Carole Massey, Jonathan W. McDonald, Jennifer A. Pace, Ada E. Pearson, Matthew L. Purvis, Sonji Thomas Rose, Brandi Stamper Smith, Justin Leon Smith, Matthew Wayne Smith, Amanda H. Stamper, William Brent Sutphin and Erica Zynosky-Sharplin;

Forest: Dwayne Anderson, William C. Barber, Aaron L. Brown, Todd Chrisptopher Butler, Kystin D. Cahoon, Casey Lane Chambers, Angela Latrice Cooks, Jennifer M. Emmons, Heather Lauren Hanks, Audie G. Havard, Charlie G. Henry, Chermal R. Horton, Shane A. Jones, Otha Lay, Amy Walker Lott, LaToya Vurnet McClendon, Cherly E. McGee, Pasty McKee, Laura L. McMillian, Jana L. McNeal, Erica Dee Ramage, Rusty Russell, Lacy Sharp, Jo An McCraw Shelley, Shandra Felina Shepard, Kristie Spivey, Latrice R. Spivey, Natalie Marie Tanksley, Josh Tillman, Christopher D. Vanetten, Kelly R.Whitesell and Virginia K. Wolf;

Harperville: Rebecca A. Anderson, Erica Geraldine Bender, April S. Bufkin, Daniel Todd Chambers, Pamela C. Clemons, Melissa C. Johnson, Janice Sessions Sadler, Devone Nicole Thomas, Brenda M. Todd, and Deborah Airhart Walker;

Hillsboro: Mary Bagley Sistrunk;

Lake: Brian Beckwith, Ashlea Brooks Gullette, Yeisha Donyale Lofton, Presttee W. Robinson, Jennifer Savell, Rachel Haralson Smith, Rachael S. Sorey, Paula E. Tadlock, Becky Posey Wolf and Jason M. Wooten;

Lena: Bethany Leanne Bryan, Sue Chennault, Linda Marie Hamilton and Dennis D. Harris;

Morton: Tammy Faye Faulkner, Rachel Leanne George, Stacie L. Gordon, Amanda R. Layton, Shawna L. Massey, Adam C. McCurdy, Haley L. Waggoner, Amanda L. Winters, and Ruth Phillipson Wood;

Newton: Marcus Bobbett, Stacey L. Davis, Amanda Nickole Dean, Shalytha Payne Evans, Alyssa T. Ford, Jason E. Frith, Jonathan Frith, Angela Ellen Holmes, Kyle Prentiss James, Megan E. Logan, Joaquin A. Loper, Moechea C. Manuel, Justin McKinion, Joshua M. Pugh, Felisha Meshea Temple, Morgan J. Walker and Carl Lee Wilson;

Pulaski: Brandie Black, Stacy L. Neese and Brandy C. Richardson;

Sebastopol: Alexander W. Shepard.

Walnut Grove: James E. Denson, Melissa A. Grayson, Ardria Harris, Yancy Wilson Thrash, Joshua S. Turner, and Antonia Odom Ward.

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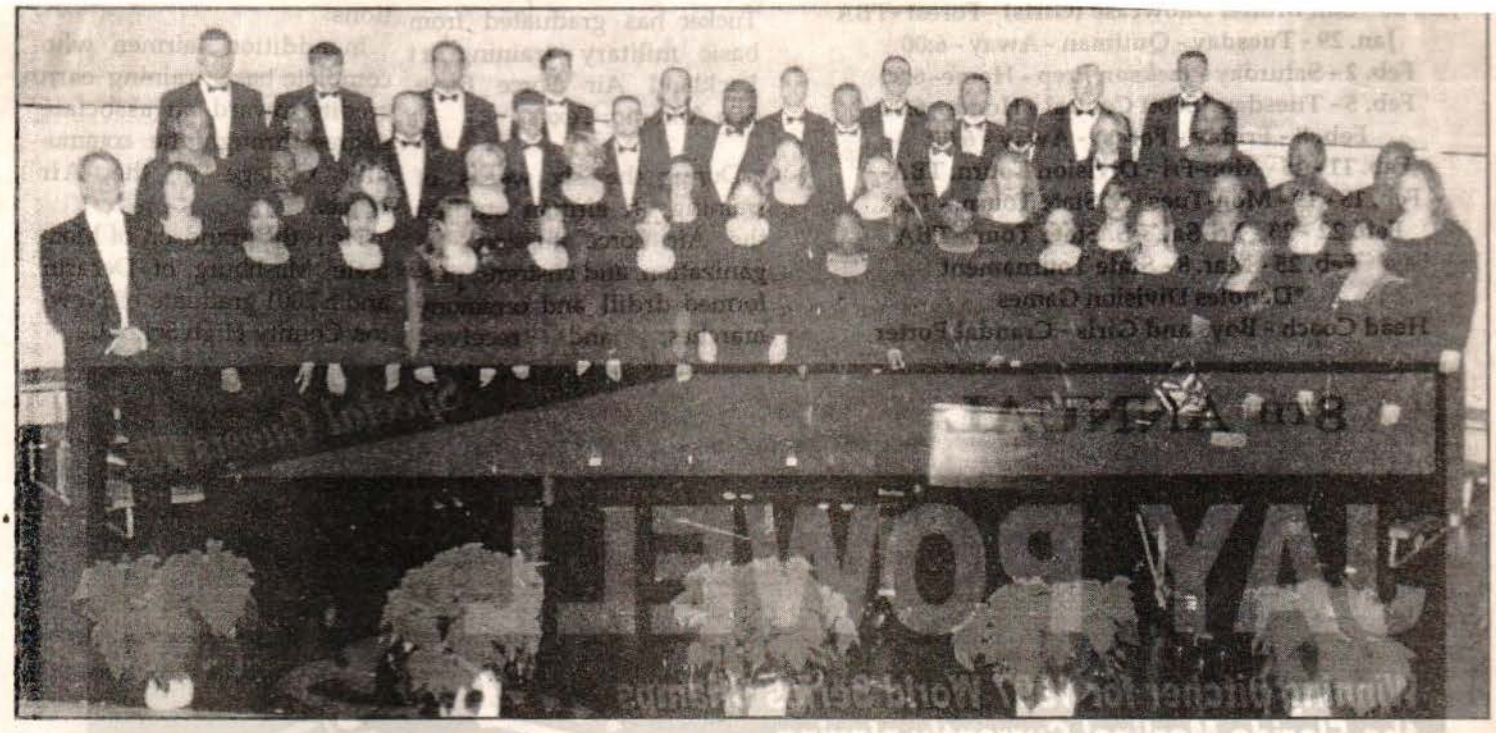

ECCC CHORAL PRESENTS CONCERT - Above are members of the East Central Community College Corale who are shown prior to their annual fall concert held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. First row, from left, are Ross Price of Union, director; Michelle Simmons, Carthage; Leticia Horn, Philadelphia; Glenda Brown, Union; Stacy York, Decatur, Rebecca Kelly, Lake; Megan Logan, Newton; Shanna Travis, Crystal Springs; Krystal Moore, Philadelphia; Revecca Germany, Union; Lana Rogers, Carthage; Heather Chessman, Raymond; and Leesa Wilsinson of Hickory, Accompanist. Second row, from left, are Amanda Clanton, Lawrence; Tam Graham and Jennifer Bane, both of Philadelphia; Jennifer Savell, Lake; Lisa Chamblee, Carthage; Natalie Tanksley, Sebastopol; Dinah Howell, Decatur; Sarah Cole, Newton; Rachel George and Rheannan Crane, both of Morton; Kalenda Towner, Meridian; Renee Irby, Clarkdale; and Kelly Cauthen, Raymond. third row - Kathy Jones, Philadelphia; Alyssa Ford, Newton; Jeff Pates, Lawrence; Josh Burton and Jacob Pierce, both of Decatur; Terrance ross, Bay Springs; Damein Wash, Hickory; ricardo Robinson, Decatur; Carl Wilson, Newton; Josh Hall, Morton; Deidre Greer, Carthage; Lakeisha Burnside, Philadelphia; and Alvia Lee, Pelahatchie. Fourth row - Chris Carson, Decatur; Casey Paige, Newton; Andy Murphy, Meridian; Brad Sutphin, Decatur; Joshua Black, Philadelphia; Matthew Smith, Decatur; Caleb Cook, Hickory; Jeremy Stevens, Decatur; Shondrick Hampton, Louisville; and Keil May, Vicksburg. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 11 Feb 02

JUNIOR COLLEGES

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HOLMES 92, MISS. DELTA 71

MISSISSIPPI DELTA — Bradley 26, Scarver 17, Jett 15, Parker 8, Johnson 4, Green 1.

HOLMES (12-9) — Tucker 34, Asuzu 13, Townsend 10, Oliver 10, Greenwood 9, Clark 9, Spann 4, Roberson 3.

Halftime — Holmes 46-30.

JONES 84, CO-LIN 73

COPIAH-LINCOLN (7-14) — C. Smith 8, Scott 9, Michael 2, Bryant 2, B. Smith 11, Black 8, Horton 2, Minor 7, Christian 14, Townsend 4, Hathorn 6.

JONES (14-9) — Paige 10, Williams 6, Carter 2, Johnson 17, Sherman 5, Keyes 11, Evans 2, Bethea 1, Nelson 6, Walters 17, Kirkpatrick 7.

Halftime — Jones 48-38.

EAST CENTRAL 106, PEARL RIVER 101, OT

EAST CENTRAL (10-11) — Hornsby 32, Denson 25, Craig 19, Bobbitt 17, Crenshaw 8, English 3, Qualls 2.

PEARL RIVER (9-11) — Steward 42, Brown 33, Johnson 13, Ball 8, Lindon 5.

Halftime — Pearl River 29-25. **Regulation** — 92-92.

SW MISS. 58, GULF COAST 57

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST (13-7) — Breland 19, Taylor 14, Lewis 8, Moulfrie 8, Salter 8.

SW MISSISSIPPI (18-3) — Haynes 13, Griffin 10, Robertson 10, Galmore 7, Johnson 6, Depron 5, Easley 5, Corbin 2.

Halftime — Gulf Coast 33-28.

NW MISS. 96, NE MISS. 78

NE MISSISSIPPI (10-11) — J. Jones 2, Leach 5, Woods 39, Law 6, Carruth 3, Rocker 11, Parsons 2, Grimes 2, B. Jones 8.

NW MISSISSIPPI (14-7) — Ballard 11, Dennis 2, Ivy 3, Dunn 2, Hampton 5, Rogan 32, Amos 9, Sacks 3, Dodson 8, Parker 14, Walker 7.

Halftime — NW Mississippi 43-34.

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VISITOR (X-X) — Leading scorer first name and last x, player x.

HOME (X-X) — Leading scorer first name and last x, player x.

Halftime — Leader xx-xx.

EAST MISS. 67, COAHOMA 64

EAST MISSISSIPPI — Dupree 4, Harrison 4, Rodriguez 15, Evans 8, Edwards 6, Seal 1, Alonza 13, Braxton 7, Cellestine 9.

COAHOMA — Polk 8, Fizer 9, Hibbler 2, Brown 20, Hayes 3, Grace 2, Harris 2, White 6, Curtis 12.

Halftime — Coahoma 37-30.

WOMEN

HOLMES 72, MISS. DELTA 71

MISSISSIPPI DELTA (10-11) — Reed 14, Nelson 11, Smith 11, Brown 11, Gibson 10, Harris 7, Gooch 6, Stapleton 1.

HOLMES (11-10) — Winters 20, Jones 9, Conway 9, Evans 9, Barksdale 8, Levy 7, Gary 4, Lee 4, Townsend 2.

Halftime — Mississippi Delta 35-22.

SW MISS. 71, GULF COAST 54

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST (12-8) — Hull 13, Cowan 12, Mingo 10, Farmer 7, Thurman 4, Carter 3, Lawson 2, Bradley 2, Davis 1.

SW MISSISSIPPI (17-4) — Downing 25, Forrest 10, Abdul-Hadi 7, Foster 6, Williams 6, Booth 5, Martin 4, Ard 3, Smith 3, White 2.

Halftime — SW Mississippi 45-20.

PEARL RIVER 77, EAST CENTRAL 62

EAST CENTRAL (12-9) — LaCour 18, Cumberland 10, Eichelberger 8, Brown 8, Ford 6, Cistrunk 4, Ben 3, Giddings 3.

PEARL RIVER (14-6) — Kelly 26, Newsome 17, Flennory 11, Smith 6, McKinley 6, Wilson 5, Fulton 4, Palmer 2.

Halftime — Pearl River 40-24.

NW MISS. 81, NE MISS. 76

NE MISSISSIPPI (10-8) — Waldrop 2, Berry 11, Davison 4, Moore 9, Browning 23, Walker 4, Crow 12, Spencer 11.

NW MISSISSIPPI (12-6) — Hanna 18, T. Shaw 11, E. Shaw 5, Jackson 17, Holman 3, Mays 2, Carothers 8, Graham 4, Henry 13.

Halftime — NW Mississippi 45-35.

EAST MISS. 70, COAHOMA 59

EAST MISSISSIPPI — Spires 1, Barr 2, Ray 15, Peoples 2, Powell 2, Williams 2, McClure 18, Poe 18, Schaeffer 7, Franklin 3.

COAHOMA — Nelson 17, Harris 11, Jones 4, Thomas 12, Micou 8, Banks 6, Sykes 1.

Halftime — East Mississippi 37-28.

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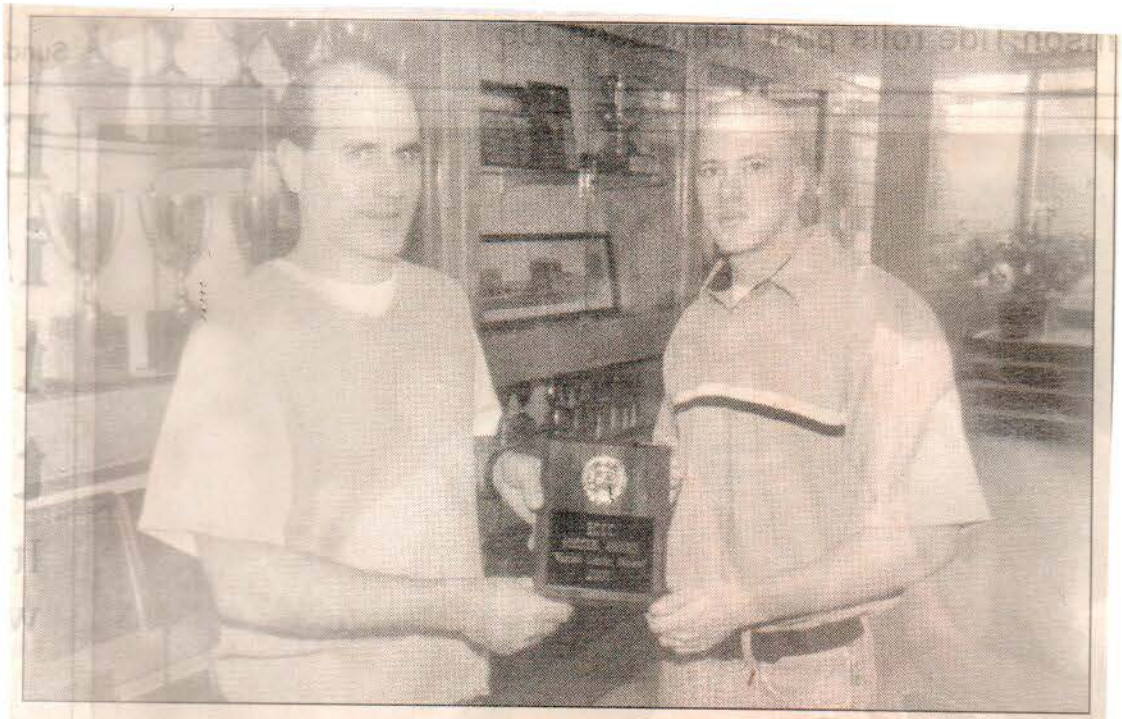
BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM:

Walter Reed of Jackson will serve as guest speaker when East Central Community College holds its annual Black History Month program at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

This year's guest choir is from East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.



SCHOOL PHOTO

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

East Central community College soccer player Wesley Rounsaville (right) of Philadelphia was presented the Warrior Scholar Athlete Award at the team's annual awards banquet held on the Decatur campus. Rounsaville, a sophomore, has maintained a 3.8 grade point average. He is shown receiving the award from Kenneth Thompson, Warrior soccer coach.

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ECCC Chorale

Above are members of the East Central Community College Chorale who are shown prior to their annual fall concert held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. First row, from left, are Ross Price of Union, director; Michelle Simmons, Carthage; Leticia Horn, Philadelphia; Glenda Brown, Union; Stacey York, Decatur; Rebecca Kelly, Lake; Megan Logan, Newton; Shanna Travis, Crystal Springs; Krystal Moore, Philadelphia; Rebecca Germany, Union; Lana Rogers, Carthage; Heather Chessman, Raymond; and Leesa Wilkinson of Hickory, accompanist. Second row, from left, are Amanda Clanton, Lawrence; Tam Graham and Jennifer Bane, both of Philadelphia; Jennifer Savell, Lake; Lisa Chamblee, Carthage; Natalie Tanksley, Sebastopol; Dinah Howell, Decatur; Sarah Cole, Newton; Rachel George and Rheannan Crane, both of Morton; Kalenda Towner, Meridian; Renee Irby, Clarkdale; and Kelly Cauthen, Raymond. Third row, from left, are Kathy Jones, Philadelphia; Alyssa Ford, Newton; Jeff Pates, Lawrence; Josh Burton and Jacob Pierce, both of Decatur; Terrance Ross, Bay Springs; Damein Wash, Hickory; Ricardo Robinson, Decatur; Carl Wilson, Newton; Josh Hall, Morton; Deidre Greer, Carthage; Lakeisha Burnside, Philadelphia; and Alvia Lee, Pelahatchie. Fourth row, from left, are Chris Carson, Decatur; Casey Paige, Newton; Andy Murphy, Meridian; Brad Sutphin, Decatur; Joshua Black, Philadelphia; Matthew Smith, Decatur; Caleb Cook, Hickory; Jeremy Stevens, Decatur; Shondrick Hampton, Louisville; and Keil May, Vicksburg.

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EC sophomore favorites

These students were recently selected sophomore class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (front, l to r) Kathy Jones of Neshoba Central, Jennifer Cuchens of Newton and Melonie Moore and Heather Brantley, both of Neshoba Central; and (back) Caleb May of Leake Academy, Brian Lillis of Neshoba Central and Chris Carson of Newton County. Not pictured is Corey Blackwell of Nanih Waiya.

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ECCC freshman class favorites

These students were recently selected freshman class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are, front to back, Jennie Battle of Philadelphia, David Burt of Newton County Academy, Rachel Smith of Grace Christian Academy, Cassie Henson of Philadelphia and Nathan Stamper of Newton County Academy. Not pictured is Wesley Wright of Winston Academy.

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James Denson and Jessica Eakes

Denson, Eakes selected Mr. and Miss ECCC

James Denson of Walnut Grove and Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for 2001-2002. The two were selected by a vote of the student body.

Denson is a sophomore sports medicine major. He is a member of the Warrior basketball team where he received the rebound award his freshman year and was selected kest offensi-ie pilay~r.

He is a Dean's List scholar and was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

Denson is the son of Carl and Glenda Isaac of Walnut Grove.

A sophomore liberal arts major, Eakes is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, Warrior Corps, Students in Free Enterprise, the yearbook staff, concert choir, Ac`cents show choir and Diamond Girls.

She also serves as president of the sophomore class, vice president for fellowship of Phi Theta Kappa and vice president of the Warrior Corps. Eakes is a Dean's List Scholar and was selected to Who's Among Students in A merican Community and Junior Colleges.

Eakes is the daughter of Robin Eakes of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Miss ECCC will be featured in the 2002 edition of the college yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo.

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ECCC Inducts 84 Into Honor Society

Students maintaining high academic standards at East Central Community College were recognized for their achievement by being tapped for membership in Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges.

Eighty-four students, with a 3.5 grade point average or better, were welcomed into the prestigious organization at the Society's spring induction ceremony held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

An honorary membership was presented to alumnus Glen Hansford, formerly of Decatur, who is employed at the Phi Theta Kappa International headquarters in Jackson. Also receiving special recognition was former Theta Xi Chapter advisor and longtime ECCC librarian Ann Burkes of Decatur, who was presented the Shelby Harris Alumni Award. Burkes retired last year following 32 years of service at East Central.

Dr. Harris and co-advisor Christy Ferguson, a business technology instructor at the College, recognized the following new Theta Xi members:

Jana Adkins, Monica Allen, Rebecca Edgar, Timothy Lyon and Leslie Vance, all of Union; Jacob Alexander, Charlene Foreman and Carisa Regan, all of Little Rock; Kimberly Alford, John Freeny, Andrew Henry, Marisa Henry, Christen Herrington, Joshua Jenkins, Bobby Martin, Paul McCaughn, Megan Morrison, Natasha Phillips, Amy Rawson, Kristi Smith, Kimberly Stone and Rusty Vowell, all of Carthage; Mary Alford, Joshua Cooper, Lance Hall, Erica Hall, Brett Hollingsworth, April Jones, Adam Wall, Donna Wedgeworth and Shance Young, all of Forest; Jonathan Bates, Janice McCullough and Gary Wyatt, all of Morton; Kara

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Beasley, Heather Brantley, Victoria Daniels, Timothy Fieber, Melody Griffin, Adrienne Holmes, Mary Margaret Irons, Elizabeth Johnson, William Mars, April McAdory and Carrie Shrock, all of Philadelphia; Joe Breedlove, Sebastopol; David Burt, Ashley Jones, Kristin Rice and Natalie Tune, all of Newton; Kelly Carlisle, Ethel; James Cowart, Star; Odena Cox and Jessica Nester, both of Lake; Natalie Duncan and Mary Latham, both of Walnut Grove; Jason Eaves, Joseph Harsh, Rebecca Herrington, Kayla Jernigan, Adam McAdory, James Robinson, Katy Thompson and Charles Wood, all of Louisville; Jaclyn Evans, Bay Springs; Kristen Gardner, Bethany Garrison, Jason Guraedy, Jessica McDaniel, Nathan Stamper and Roy Walters, all of Decatur; Jennifer Gibson, Tiffany Jones and Aimee McLaurin, all of Pulaski; Ricky Graves, Jimmy Hall and Randolph King, all of Lena; Kristen Persons, Noxapater; Karen Robinson, Meridian; Sarah Shaffer, Conehatta; Lindsay Shaw, Perkinston; Stephen Sykes, Lawrence; Damien Wash, Hickory; and William Weaver, Preston.

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Orientation/Enrollment

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East Central reports record high enrollment

A record 2329 students are enrolled in spring semester classes offered at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

Luke said the spring 2002 enrollment represents an increase of 156 students when compared with the previous spring record of 2173 students who registered for classes during the 2001 spring term.

Of the 2329 students enrolled at the College, 1636 are full time students while 687 attend classes part-time.

A record 2435 students were enrolled during the fall.

In addition to courses offered on the Decatur campus, East Central provides classes at various locations throughout the district which includes Leake, Newton, Neshoba, Scott and Winston counties.

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ECCC helps

The following article was submitted by Bubby Johnston, vice president for public information at East Central Community College.

By Bubby Johnston
special to The Star

DECATUR — Debbie Blais and Debbie Munn, both of Union, are determined to fulfill a career goal, even though they got a late start with their education.

Blais, 46, and Munn, 41, are almost at the halfway point of completing requirements for a licensed practical nursing degree at East Central Community College. The LPN program is one of five health-related areas offered on the Decatur campus.

For Blais, who is originally from Vancouver, Canada, making the decision to return to college was something she was ready to make.

"Now that my children are grown, I decided not to put off going back to school any longer," Blais said. "I'm currently a certified nursing assistant, but always wanted a nursing career. I enrolled in the registered nurse program at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jeff Davis campus following high school, but later dropped out to get married. I knew that now was the time to go back to college, and I'm glad I made the decision to enroll at East Central."

A single mom with two adult children, Blais said going to college at her age has been a positive experience, thanks mainly to the small classes and assistance received from instructors.

"I really like the instructors (Kathy Buckman and Lori Luke) and the individualized attention they give to students," she said. "And because our classes are small, they are able to teach us the material, and not just spoon-feed the information. The instructors are also available after hours to help us in any way possible."

Blais' son, Billy Cole, 23, is employed in the electronics field and her daughter, Sarah Cole, is a sophomore art major at East Central.

experience in taking college classes.

A 10th-grader when she dropped out of school in 1976 to get married, Munn later earned her GED diploma. Now that her children are also grown, she decided "it was time momma went back to school."

"I was tired of doing everybody else's job, and wanted to do something for myself," Munn said. "I have always wanted to be a nurse. My best friend's father was a doctor, and I idolized him so much that I also wanted a career in the medical field. It's just fascinating to me what medicine can do for somebody. Lord knows I've had enough medicine in my life. I almost died a few years ago and that experience gave me even more respect for people in the medical field."

Munn agrees with Blais about the instruction provided at East Central. She also has praise for her classmates.

"I like the individualized attention. I've heard such is not the case at other colleges. I'm really proud that I can get help from the instructors if it's needed," she said. "It is also gratifying that everyone in the class is supportive of each other. Everybody wants the other person to succeed, which also makes for a great learning environment."

Munn, who is originally from Boston, has a husband, Gary, who is disabled, and two teen-age sons, Gary Jr. and Robert. She said her family is "very supportive" of her desire to become an LPN.

"They've been great supporters and are very patient with me. Momma gets get a little tense at times when there's a lot of studying to do, but they have been very understanding, and I appreciate that," she said.

Blais and Munn encourage other nontraditional students to consider going to college and pursuing their dreams. They just have to make up their minds and do it, they said. It's not always easy but the results will be more than worth the effort.

Instructor Kathy Buckman said graduates of East Central's LPN program are well prepared to enter the workforce, if recent test results are an indicator of success. She noted that 13 of

"Hopefully, mother and daughter will be members of the graduating class of 2002 at East Central. I know my father (Dr. Eddie Ruddick, a former instructor at Clarke College) will be very proud that his daughter and granddaughter will be graduating from college the same year," she said.

For Munn, being enrolled in the licensed practical nurse program represents her first

Students enrolled in the program are also involved in extracurricular activities. Tanya Primer of Carthage and Kathy Hogue of Walnut Grove serve as president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Mississippi State HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) organization. Stephanie Mize of Philadelphia won top honors for her entry in a lapel-design contest.

For more information regarding the ECCC Licensed Practical Nursing Program, including testing dates for the pre-NLN exam, contact Jimmy Dempsey, vocational-technical counselor, phone 635-2111 or call toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 214.

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students fulfill aspirations

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FUTURE LPNS

Debbie Munn, right, checks Debbie Blais' heartbeat during a licensed practicing nursing class at East Central Community College in Decatur. A nursing career is a life-long dream of both students. The nontraditional students, both in their 40s, plan to graduate in August 2002.

Associate Degree Nursing Program

East Central Community College also offers Associate Degree Nursing, and recently added the LPN to RN Upgrade/Bridge Program to further meet the increased need for nursing professionals.

Melanie Gilmore, dean of Associate Degree Nursing, said information provided by the Division of Nursing of the U.S. Department of Health and Gilmore said.

"We are now experiencing the effects of the nursing shortage in Mississippi. All of our graduates from the Associate Degree Nursing Program are being employed and many of them are being recruited from out of state as well. We have had recruiters from Atlanta and Florida recently on our campus."

She said more effort is needed to convince young people to consider a nursing career.

"If we are to continue to have the human resources to care for patients, we need to encourage young people — fourth- and fifth-graders, male and female — to pursue a career in nursing and healthcare. Then continue to attract middle school and high school students into nursing. Right now, the employment opportunities are there," Gilmore said.

For more information about the college's Associate Degree Nursing Program, contact Melanie Gilmore, phone 635-

prepares an individual to serve as a member of a surgical team, according to instructor LeAnn Shirley.

Graduates of the 12-month program are awarded the Certificate of Surgical Technology. The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology will be awarded to successful graduates of the 24-month program.

Shirley noted that qualified graduates may apply to the Association of Surgical Technologies for the National Certifying Examination and become a certified or registered technologist.

For more information contact Jimmy Dempsey, vo-tech counselor, phone 635-2111 or call toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 214.

Gerontology Technology

Now in its third year as part of the college's curriculum, the purpose of the gerontology degree program, according to instructor Mary Boulton, is "to provide the community with well-trained individuals who have an in-depth understanding of the aging process and its physical, mental and psychosocial implications as well as the skills to apply this knowledge to a diverse elderly population through the process of referral, advocacy and problem-solving."

Boulton said the program is designed "to meet the standards and requirements for careers in gerontology, and students completing the program should be able to find employment in jobs related to gerontology."

For more information contact Jimmy Dempsey, vo-tech counselor, phone 635-2111 or call toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 214.

Medical Office Technology

Interest in the college's Medical Office Technology Program is growing rapidly, according to Elizabeth Breland, one of three instructors for the program.

Breland said graduates with an Associate of Applied Science degree in medical office technology are prepared for positions as medical transcriptionists, medical secretaries, medical file clerks, medical receptionists or medical office assistants.

Students who become transcriptionists can expect rewarding careers.

"The calls we get for medical transcriptionists cannot be met because the demand is so great," Breland said. "For a good transcriptionist, the sky is the limit as far as a financial career."

For more information contact Jimmy Dempsey, vo-tech counselor, phone 635-2111 or call toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 214.

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Photo courtesy of The Spirit of Morton

Tara Hughes (right) took the Crown of Miss Morton 2002 at the pageant this past weekend. She received a $2,400 scholarship to ECCC and $500 from the Bank of Morton, Citizens State Bank, Koch Foods, Scott Regional Hospital and the Pageant Committee. Hughes is a senior at Morton High School and will pursue her education at the University of Mississippi in psychology. Crystal Chambers (left) was awarded first alternate and Heather Hamilton (middle) was awarded second alternate.

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Events

ECCC Players to Present 'Footloose' April 11-13

DECATUR--The East Central Community College Players will present "Footloose" Thursday through Saturday, April 11-13 in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Performances begin at 7 o'clock each evening. Tickets are $10 per person.

Production director Juanita West said, "'Footloose' is the story of a free-spirited kid named Ren (Chris Carson of Decatur) who moves from the big city of Chicago to a small town where, after a local tragedy, dancing and just about anything else that is fun has been banned. So he has to convince the local minister and the town council that the

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high school kids should have the right to throw a school dance." She added, "March 1, 2002 was the first date for amateur productions of 'Footloose,' which makes East Central one of the first organizations to present this musical."

In addition to Carson, cast members and their respective hometowns include Kristen Thornton (Ariel), Janette Robinson (Ethel), Megan Morrison (Aunt LuLu), Lisa Chamblee (Urleen), Deidre Greer (Eleanor Dunbar) and Ura Seymer (Garvin), all of Carthage; Caleb Cook (Rev. Shaw Moore) of Hickory; Jennifer Savell (Vi) of Lake; Tom Clark (Uncle Wes) and Ricardo Robinson (Willard), both of Decatur; Tony Harris (Coach Dunbar) of Union; Shanna Travis (Rusty) of Crystal Springs; Megan Tramill (Wendy Jo), Laura Shook (Betty Blast), Paul Mason (Cop) and Alyssa Ford (chorus member), all of Newton; Adam Mann (Chuck Cranston), Bill Cole (Travis), Krystal Moore (country singer Irene) and Shalonda Buckley (chorus member), all of Philadelphia; Anthony Barfield (Lyle) of Collinsville; Casey Smith (Principal Clark) of Louisville; Billy McClurg (Jeter) of French Camp; Joshua Ray (Bickle) of Walnut Grove; Terrance Williams (chorus member) of Lena; and Kristen Persons (chorus member) of Noxapater.

The musical is directed by Regina Rigby of Forest.

For ticket information contact the College switchboard at 635-2111, ext. 215.

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Honor society inductees

These Leake County students were recently inducted into East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must obtain a 3.5 or above grade point average as a full-time student and must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Those pictured include from left, front, Kimberly Stone, Rusty Vowell, Amy Rawson, Kristi Smith, Natasha Phillips and Shay Alford, all of Carthage; middle, Megan Morrison, Christen Herrington and Marissa Henry, all of Carthage; Jimmy Hall of Lena and Bobby Martin of Carthage; back, Andrew Henry and Josh Jenkins, both of Carthage; Ricky Graves of Lena, and Derrick Freeny and Paul McCaughn, both of Carthage. Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson serve as advisors.

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Inducted into ECCC Honor Society

These Scott County students were recently inducted into East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must obtain a 3.5 or above grade point average as a full time student and must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Those pictured include (front row, from left) Amanda Latham of Walnut Grove, Janice McCullough of Morton, Erica Hall of Forest, Jennifer Gibson of Pulaski, Natalie Duncan of Walnut Grove, Shance Young of Forest, and Tiffany Jones of Pulaski; (second row, from left) Sarah Shaffer of Conehatta, April Jones of Forest, Odena Cox of Lake, and Amanda Alford, Devin Cooper and Adam Wall, all of Forest; and (back row, from left) Randolph King of Lena, Jonathan Bates of Morton, Lance Hall and Brett Hollingsworth, both of Forest; Adam Wyatt of Morton, Beth Wedgeworth of Forest and Aimee McLaurin of Pulaski. Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson serve as advisors. (EC Photo)

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EC Scholars Bowl Team

Members of the East Central Community College Scholars Bowl Team include (from left) Josh Jenkins of Carthage, Drew Henry of Carthage, Nathan Stamper of Decatur and Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs. At right is faculty adviser Dr. Linda Lane. The group recently participated in competition at the University of Mississippi and the Jefferson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Senior Days March 27 - 28

Area high school seniors are invited to attend East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities Wednesday, March 27 and Thursday, March 28 on the Decatur campus. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in front of Huff Auditorium. A new feature of this year's event is an information Showcase, which will be held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Entertainment and a complimentary lunch will be provided.

Schools scheduled to attend on Wednesday, March 27 - Choctaw Central High, Forest High, Grace Christian School, Lake Attendance Center, Louisville High, Morton Attendance Center, Morton Christian Academy, Newton County High, Noxapater Attendance Center, Scott Central Attendance Center and Sebastopol Attendance Center.

Schools to attend on Thursday, March 28 - Carthage Christian Academy, Carthage High, Edinburg Attendance Center, Leake Academy, Nanih Waiya Attendance Center, Neshoba Central High, Newton High School, Newton County Academy, Philadelphia High, South Leake High School, Thomastown Attendance Center, Union High School and Winston Academy.

ECCC INTRAMURAL SOCCER CHAMPIONS - the Whippets won top honors in the intramural soccer competition held at ECCC in Decatur. Team members are, from left - Seltue Katewaye of Liberia, West Africa; Jonathan Shoemaker of Decatur; Justin Sendelweck of Brandon; Candice Cooper, Louisville; Nathan Stamper, Decatur; and Kyle Miller, Preston. Warrior soccer coach is Kenneth Thompson.

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ECCC Women's Basketball Tryouts March 20

East Central Community College, Decatur, will hold tryouts for the Lady Warrior basketball team at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2002, in the Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium, open to all interested in playing at ECCC during 2002-03 season. Contact Brad Hodge or assistant coach Toby Bush at 635-2111, ext. 372 or 234.

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Theta Xi Captures Regional Awards

Twenty-four members of East Central Community College's Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Tw Year College, recently attended the Mississippi/Louisiana Region Convention held in Vicksburg where they were presented vario awards.

Sophomore Lana Rogers of Carthage was inducted into the pres gious Order of the Golden Key and chapter honors included th Leadership Hallmark Award and the Most Outstanding Chapter Awar

Theta Xi was also elected regional president for 2002-03 and forme advisor and retired ECCC head librarian Ann Burkes was named 200 Outstanding Alumna for the MS/LA Region.

Those attending included (first row, from left) Victoria Daniels an April McAdory, both of Philadelphia; Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove Jessica McMahon of Carthage, Marie Griffith of Hickory and Christ Ferguson, advisor; (second row, from left) Rebecca Germany of Union Odena Cox of Decatur, Tammy Faulkner of Morton and Amanda Lather of Sebastopol; (third row, from left) Chuck Wood of Louisville, Lance Ha and Adam Wall, both of Forest; and Tom Clark of Decatur; and (bac row, from left) Daniel Pearce, Jason Guraedy and Matt Davis, all o Decatur; and Dr. Shelby Harris, advisor. Not pictured are Stephan Syke of Lawrence, Jimmy Hall of Lena, Ashley Jones of Newton, Jennife Savell of Lake and Jonathan Jackson of Conehatta.

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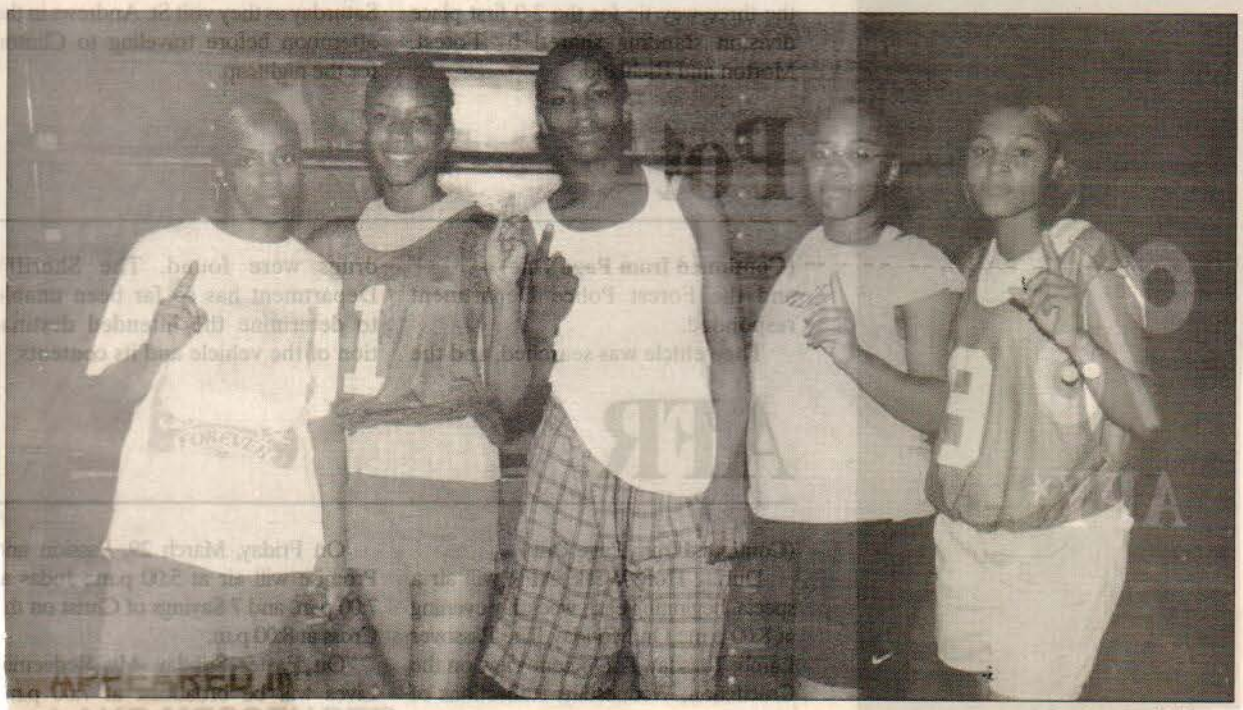
ECCC Intramural Basketball Awards

'Kobeholics' Clain Second Place

"Kobeholics" won second-pla honors in the intramural men's league basketball competition he at East Central Community Colle in Decatur. Team members inclu (kneeling, from left) Todd Butler Morton, Teon Wilson of Newt and Jacob Boler of Philadelphi and (standing, from left) Jesse Sm of Philadelphia, Lamarrio Mapp Morton, Delwin Taylor of Sandl and Dee Hornesburger Noxapater. Coach Mike Anders serves as director of the Colleg intramural program.



'Dome Crushers' claim Women's Titl

"Dome Crushers" recen claimed the women's intramural b ketball league competition held East Central Community College Decatur. Team members inclu (from left) LaToria Payton of Ludl Jerica Hickmon of Union, Tyeas Denson of Ludlow, Teoneka Wall of Union and Pandasala McClend of Forest. Mike Anderson serves director of the College's intramu program.

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WEEK OF 25 MAY 06

FINISH FOURTH in soccer competition - "EC Galaxie" placed fourth in the intramural soccer competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are, kneeling from left - Nikki Tullos and Erica Tullos, both of Philadelphia; Amiee McLaurin, Pulaski; and Carrie Cumberland, Philadelphia; and, standing from left - Danny Haynes, Florence, Alabama; Brian Zbydniewski, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Caleb May, Philadelphia; Jonathan Jackson, Conehatta; Charlie Goodwin, Morton; and Brandon Ditto, Brandon. Warrior soccer coach Kenneth Thompson serves as program coordinator.

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WEEK OF 25 March

SOCCER FINALISTS - "The Corinth Connection" placed third in the intramural soccer competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Kneeling from left are team members Matt Stone, Philadelphia; Jacob Pierce, Decatur; David Burt, Newton; and Nate Alexander, Corinth. Standing, from left - Jonathan McMillan of Louisville; Lisa Chamblee of Carthage; Dwight Bannon, Collinsville; Corey Kemp, Corinth; and Braden Land of New Albany.

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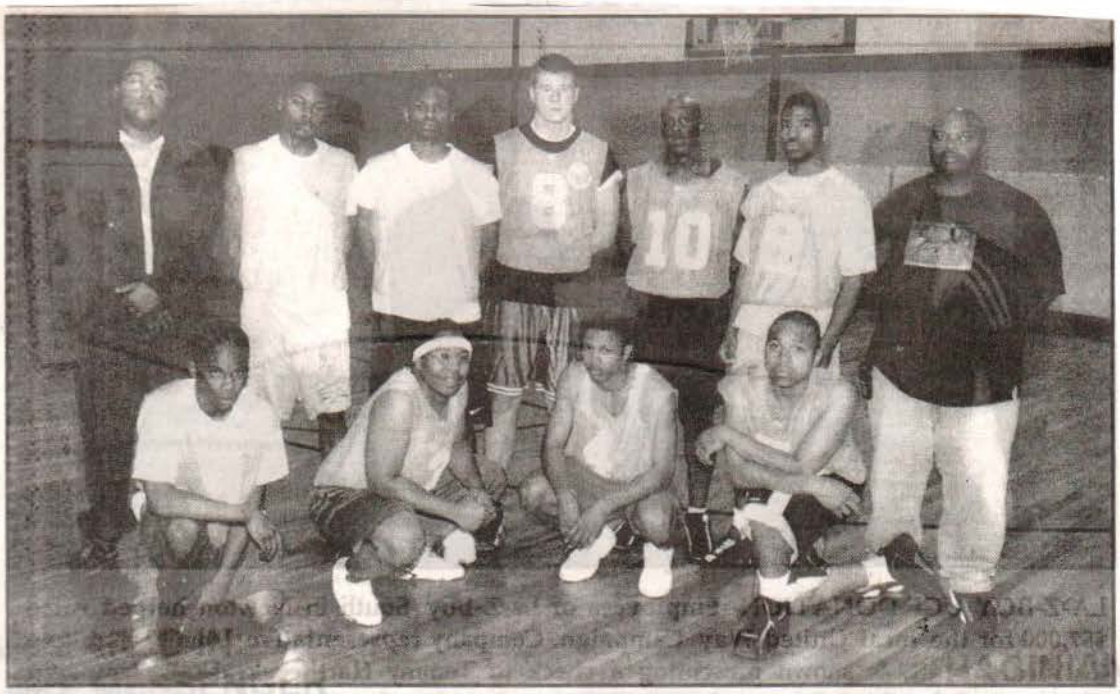
WEEK OF 25 May 83

ECCC HONOR SOCIETY HONORS HANSFORD - Glen Hansford, center, Chapter Development Coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the two year college, received an honorary membership from Theta Xi Chapter of East Central Community College during the College's spring induction ceremony held on the Decatur campus. Hansford, an ECCC Alumnus from Decatur, is shown with Theta Xi advisors Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson. Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters are located in Jackson.



B LEAGUE CHAMPIONS - "The Dirty South Boys" won top honors in the "B League" competition of the intramural basketball championship held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are, kneeling from left - Kasey Kennedy of Scott Central, Darryl Wash of Chicago; Michael Graham of Lake and Cartrellis Wansley of Newton; and standing from left - Coach Adrian Moore of Lake, Dandre Hardin and Travares Culberson, both of Louisville; Neal Tadlock of Lake, Anthony Johnson of Newton, and Fred Denson and Assistant Coach Alex Childs, both of Morton. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (EC Photo)

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Week of 25 March 02

ECCC Band Members Receive National Honors - East Central Community College Wall 0' Sound Marching Band members (pictured from left) percussionist Andy Murphy of Southeast Lauderdale, clarinetist Damein Wash of Newton County High School and Anthony Barfield of Neshoba Central were recently selected to participate in the College Band Directors' National Association Honor Band. Regarding the honor, ECCC Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson said, I was thrilled to have three students participating in this very prestigious ensemble. My students were the only band members selected from a community college and they were also the only students selected from the state of Mississippi. Many members of the honor band, consisting mostly of upper class performance majors, were surprised that a small, rural community college in Mississippi had such a diverse and large band program." The honor band met during the associations Southern Division Conference, which was held this year in Atlanta, Georgia, February 20-23. After two days of rehearsals, the band concluded the conference with a concert.

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WEEK OF 25 Mar 02

EC award winners

Twenty-four members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, recently attended the Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Convention held in Vicksburg where they were presented various awards. Sophomore Lana Rogers of Carthage was inducted into the prestigious Order of the Golden Key and chapter honors included the Leadership Hallmark Award and the Most Outstanding Chapter Award. Theta Xi was also elected regional president for 2002-03 and former advisor and retired ECCC head librarian Ann Burkes was named 2002 Outstanding Alumna for the MS/LA Region. Those attending included (first row, from left) Victoria Daniels and April McAdory, both of Philadelphia; Lan Rogers of Walnut Grove, Jessica McMahon of Carthag Marie Griffith of Hickory and Christy Ferguson, advisor (second row, from left) Rebecca Germany of Union, Oden Cox of Decatur, Tammy Faulkner of Morton and Amand Lathem of Sebastopol; (third row, from left) Chuck Wood Louisville, Lance Hall and Adam Wall, both of Forest; an Tom Clark of Decatur; and (back row, from left) Dani Pearce, Jason Guraedy and Matt Davis, all of Decatur; an Dr. Shelby Harris, advisor. Not pictured are Stephan Syke of Lawrence, Jimmy Hall of Lena, Ashley Jones of Newto Jennifer Savell of Lake and Jonathan Jackson Conehatta.

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WEEK OF 1/20/02

ECCC STUDENTS WIN STATE HONORS - These students at East Central Community College, Decatur, won various honors at the Skills USA/VICA State Competition held in Biloxi. Seated from left are Nikki Rabon of Newton and Samantha Thomason of Philadelphia, who placed third in the Promotional Bulletin Board competition; Kimberly Hull of Meridian and Kimberly Taylor of Conehatta, second place, Cosmetology; and Mary Rush of Conehatta, second place, Job Skill Demonstration. Standing from left are Nathan Busby of Rosebud, second place, Carpentry; Farris Hopkins, Jr. of Louisville, elected state treasurer; Kenneth Robinson of Carthage, first place, Residential Wiring; Adam Foreman of Little Rock, second place, Major Appliance; and Melvin Shipp of Montrose, second place, Job Skill Demonstration. Not pictured are Kevin Pierce of Newton, first place, Industrial Controls; Joey Page of Forest, second place, Automotive Service, and Josh Baumunk of Philadelphia, third place, Collision Repair. Pierce, Robinson and Hopkins will compete in the National Skills USA Contest scheduled this summer in Kansas City, Missouri. ECCC instructors Lester Miles and John Everett serve as chapter advisors. (EC Photo)

ECCC HEADWAE HONOREES - Recognized for excellence by the Mississippi Legislature were East Central Community College sophomore Matt Davis (second from left) of Decatur and faculty member Marc McCool (third from left) of Louisville, who were selected the College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) honorees for 2001-02. The annual program recognizes outstanding instructors and students representing the state's public and private colleges and universities. Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, are shown with the honorees. Davis, an engineering major with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, is the son of Ron and Patti Davis of Decatur, McCool has taught social science courses at East Central since 1998. (EC Photo)

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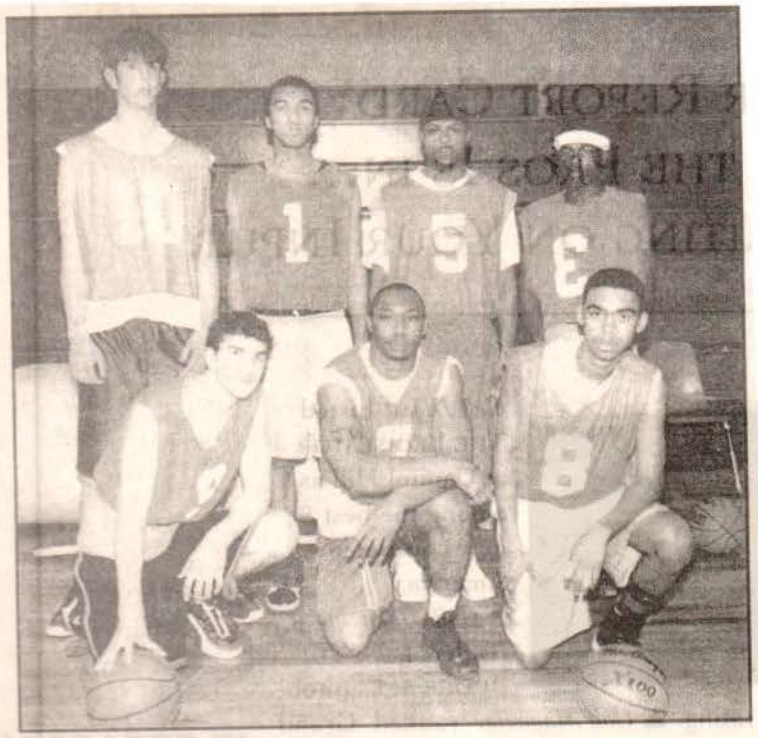
WEEK OF April 18

INTRAMURAL SOCCER RUNNERS-UP - "The 69'ers" placed second in the intramural soccer competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are, seated from left - Derek Dunn of Philadelphia and Gardito Ruiz of Vicksburg, and standing from left - Billy Brake of Florence, Stephanie Davis of Philadelphia, Ty Anderson of Decatur and Ryan Crick of Louisville.

TUNE SIGNS WITH ECCC - Jeremy Tune, a standout baseball player at Newton High School, will continue his athletic career as a member of the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Tune, a 6-2, 170 pound outfielder, was an All-District performer last season and received the Tigers' Golden Glove Award. He is shown during a recent signing ceremony with his parents, Debbie and Stewart Tune, and (standing from left) Tiger head baseball coach Eddie Pierce and ECCC assistant baseball coach Patrick Robey. (EC Photo)



'KOBEHOLICS' CLAIM SECOND PLACE - "Kobeholics" won second-place honors in the intramural men's A-league basketball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Todd Butler of Morton, Teon Wilson of Newton and Jacob Boler of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) Jesse Smith of Philadelphia, Lamario Mapp of Morton, Dewin Taylor of Sandhill and Dee Hornesburger of Noxapater. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the college's intramural program. (EC Photo)

Programs at ECCC

April 11 - 13 - ECCC Players present the musical "Footloose" based on the movie of the same name which starred Kevin Bacon. The production will be at 7 p.m. each evening in Vickers fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are $10. For information contact the college switchboard at 1-877-GO-2-ECCC.

April 18 - Annual Spring Art Show and ECCC Chorale spring Concert. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium and the art work can be viewed before or after the program. No admission charge.

April 22 - Collegians Spring Campus Concert - The College's pop-rock vocal and instrumental group will perform at 8 p.m. in Huff Auditorium. No charge for admission.

April 30 - Ac'cents Spring Concert - The college show choir will present their spring concert at 7 p.m. in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. No charge for admission.

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WEEK OF 1 April 14

EC wins state honors

These students at East Central Community College in Decatur won various honors at the Skills USA/VICA State Competition held in Biloxi. Seated from left are Nikki Rabon of Newton and Samantha Thomason of Philadelphia, who placed third in the Promotional Bulletin Board competition; Kimberly Hull of Meridian and Kimberly Taylor of Conehatta, second place, Cosmetology; and Mary Rush of Conehatta, second place, Job Skill Demonstration. Standing from left are Nathan Busby of Rosebud, second place, Carpentry; Farris Hopkins, Jr. of Louisville, elected state treasurer; Kenneth Robinson of Carthage, first place, Residential Wiring; Adam Foreman of Little Rock, second place, Major Appliance; and Melvin Shipp of Montrose, second place, Job Skill Demonstration. Not pictured are Kevin Pierce of Newton, first place, Industrial Controls; Joey Page of Forest, second place, Automotive Service, and Josh Baumunk of Philadelphia, third place, Collision Repair. Pierce, Robinson and Hopkins will compete in the National Skills USA Contest scheduled this summer in Kansas City.

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WEEK OF 1 April 02

Finish Fourth in Soccer Competition

"EC Galaxie" placed fourth in the intramural soccer competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (kneeling from left) Nikki Tullos and Erica Tullos, both of Philadelphia; Amiee McLaurin, Pulaski; and Carrie Cumberland, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) Danny Haynes, Florence, Ala.; Brian Zbydniewski, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla; Caleb May, Philadelphia; Jonathan Jackson, Conehatta, Charlie Goodwin, Morton; and Brandon Ditto, Brandon. Warrior soccer coach Kenneth Thompson serves as program coordinator. (EC Photo)

ECCC Gospel Choir Presents April 10 Program

East Central Community College's Gospel Choir will present a "musical fundraiser" on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at the Evangelist Christian Baptist Church in Lauderdale, Mississippi. The special program begins at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will help fund the Gospel Choir's trip to Texas on April 18.

For more information, contact Brenda K. Johnson, choir sponsor, Phone 635-3285.

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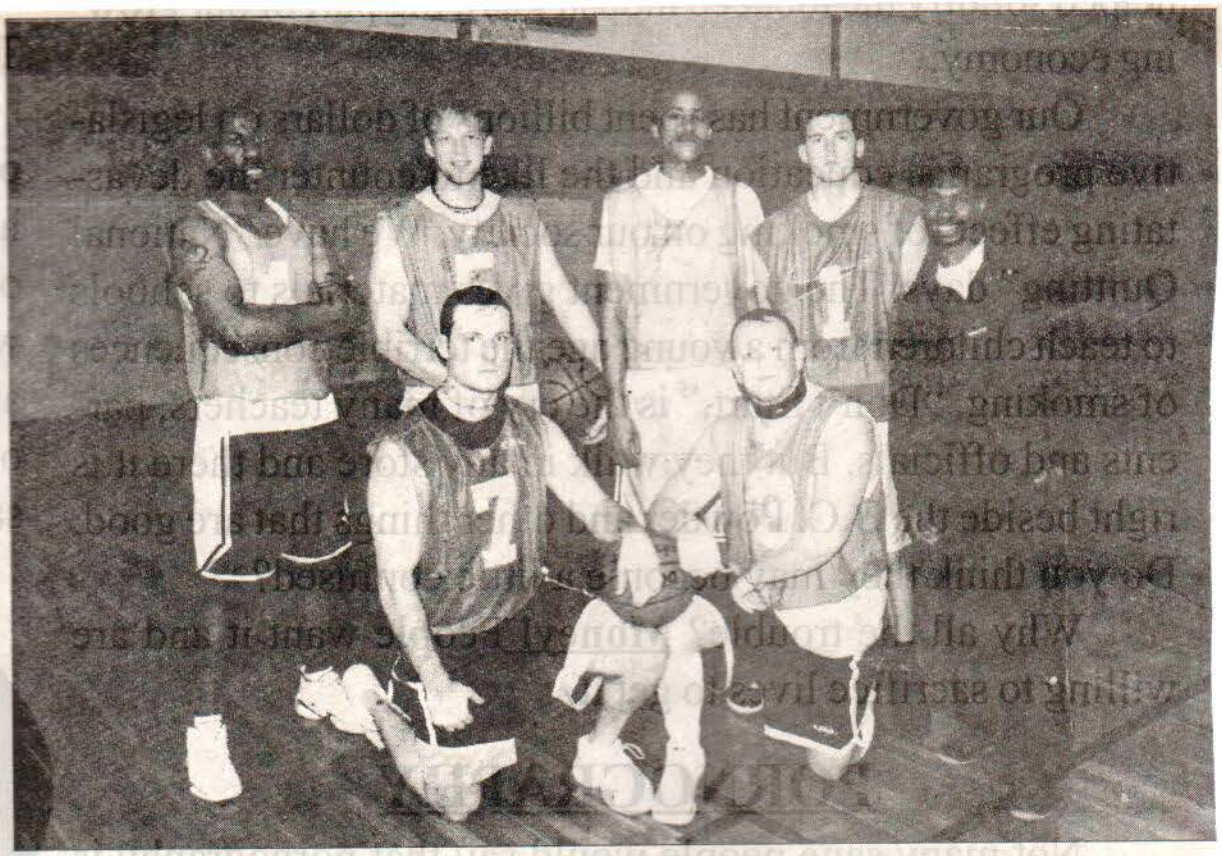

'B League' Runners-Up

"Mobb Deep" finished second in the "B League" competition of the intramural basketball championship held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (kneeling from left) Paul Babb of Branch and Chris Van Etten of Forest, and (standing from left) Donell Harrison of Forest, Jason Denson of Branch, Handel Hughes of Forest, Larron Bryan of Philadelphia and Coach Otha Lay of Lake. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (EC Photo)

Tickets On Sale for ECCC's 'Footloose'

Tickets are now on sale for the East Central Community College Players' presentation of "Footloose," which begins Thursday, April 11, and runs through Saturday, April 13. Performances will be held in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus and begin each evening at 7 o'clock.

For more information or to reserve tickets phone 635-2111, ext. 215, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

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WEEK OF 1 April 02

"B League" Champions

"The Dirty South Boys" won top honors in the "B League" competition of the intramural basketball championship held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (kneeling from left) Kasey Kennedy of Scott Central, Darryl Wash of Chicago, IL; Michael Graham of Lake and Cartrellis Wansley of Newton; and (standing from left) Coach Adrian Moore of Lake, Dandre Hardin and Tavares Culberson, both of Louisville; Neal Tadlock of Lake, Anthony Johnson of Newton, and Fred Denson and Assistant Coach Alex Childs, both of Morton. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program.

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WEEK OF 15 April 02

ECCC's Ac'cents slated for banquet

The 40th annual membership meeting of the Leake County Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Association will be held Thursday, April 25, at Carthage Elementary School on Highway 16W.

The meeting will begin with a catered reception and entertainment at 6:15 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner at 7 pm.

Entertainment will be provided by the Ac'cents from East Central Community College under the direction of Mrs. Vicki Blaylock. Members of this 12-member team are Caleb Cook, Jeff Potes, Ricardo Robinson, Matthew Smith, Damien Wash, Carl Wilson, Jennifer Cuchens, Jessica Fakes, Latecia Horne, Alexia Norris, Tori Tijerina and Shanna Travis.

David Weber, president of the Chamber, and Jeff Webb, president of the Leake County Industrial Development Association, will make reports to the membership on the accomplishments of the organizations this past year.

Man of the Year, Woman of the Year and Farm Family of the Year will be recognized.

Brian Gomillion will receive the gavel to become the 52nd president of the Chamber.

Jeffrey Jones serves as chairman of the annual meeting committee. Tickets for $20 each are available from members of the board of directors or from the Chamber office.

ECCC Ac'cents to hold auditions on May 2-3

The Ac'cents, ECCC's show choir, will hold open auditions for the fall semester from 1 to 5 p.m. May 2-3 in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

Those auditioning must submit two letters of recommendation and must perform a prepared solo. A CD and cassette player or a piano accompanist will be available.

Those interested should contact Ac'cents director Vicki Blaylock at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 225, or 1-877-462-3222, ext. 225.

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WEEK OF 15 April 2002

Collegians to perform April 22

The Collegians, East Central Community College's pop/rock vocal and instrumental group will present their spring concert at 8 p.m. Monday, April 22, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. They will perform hits by popular artists Usher, Pink, Hoobastang and many others. Members of the popular group include (kneeling, from left) technicians Marcus Williams of Brandon and Andy Polizzi of Meridian; (seated, from left) technicians Josh Tillman of Forest, George Edwards of Louisville, Lucas Pope of Philadelphia and Andy Murphy of Meridian; and wind section members Joshua Black of Philadelphia, Matt Hedrick of Decatur and Grant Morris and April McAdory, both of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) vocalists Megan Tramill of Newton, Damein Wash of Hickory, Claire Edgar of Union, Chris Carson of Decatur, Kristen Thornton of Edinburg and Josh Burton of Decatur; and rhythm section members Kirk Misso of Starkville, Michael Eichelberger of Conehatta and Matt Baldridge of Philadelphia. Thomas W. Carson serves as director and also plays guitar.

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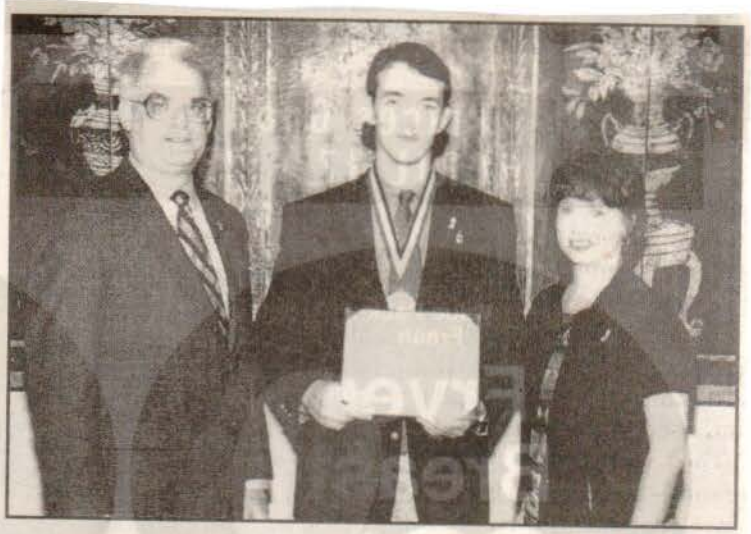

DAVIS NAMED TO ALL-MISSISSIPPI ACADEMIC FIRST TEAM - East Central Community College sophomore Matt Davis(center) of Decatur was recently named to the 2002 Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic First Team, which recognizes the scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's community and junior colleges. An engineering major, Davis maintains a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Davis and fellow ECCC sophomore Lana Rogers of Carthage who was named to the second team were recognized along with other award recipients by the Mississippi Legislature at the State Capitol and during a luncheon at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson, with Governor ronnie Musgrove serving as featured speaker. State Senator Terry C. Burton served as master of ceremonies at the awards luncheon. the all-Mississippi Academic Team program is coordinated by the Phi Theat Kappa International honor Society, The Clarion-Ledger, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Also pictured are Dr. Shelby Harris (left). sponsor of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and ECCC president D Phi Sutphin. (Photo courtesy of Hinds Community College)

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ECCC PBL MEMBERS ASSIST with district FBLA contest - members of East Central Community College's Phi Beta Lambda chapter recently assisted with the Central District Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Contest, which was held on the College's Decatur campus. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for business students. Pictured are, front row, from left - Rebecca Ross of Montrose, Leslie Patrick of Conehatta, Ashley Jones of Newton, Jenne McElhenney of Lake and Shalonda Buckley of Philadelphia; second row, from left - Brandi Harvey of Forest, Ethel Dubose of Quitman, Elsalena Roberts and Temeka Drummond, both of Newton; and Tammy Davis of Louisville; third row - Jamika Brown, Tonya Flowers and Bonner Rose Norwood, all of Philadelphia; Danielle Goss of Carthage, and Betty Robinson of Edinburg; fourth row - Cory Johnson of Hickory, Jeremy McNair and Monica Issac, both of Philadelphia; Kristine Willis of Conehatta and Linda Dempsey of Louisville; and top row from left - Marty Pace of Newton, Heather Kennedy of Philadelphia and Cartrellis Eansley and Antonio Hoye, both of Newton. (EC Photo)

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ECCC B.S.U. Participate in Spring Break Mission Trip

These members of the Baptist Student Union at East Central Community College in Decatur spent their spring break by serving on a mission trip to Billings and Park City, Montana. BSU director Scott Vaughn said students were involved in several activities during the 10-day trip. The BSU group conducted church services, helped conduct Bible study classes for children and youth during revival services, went door-to-door in, neighborhoods and downtown Billings promoting churches and inviting people to attend church services, and assisted in construction work at a Spanish mission church. Seated from left are Lisa Vaughn, Decatur; Allison Lathem and Mitzi Rogers, both of Forest; Courtney Graham, Meridian; Miranda Faulk, Louisville; Tori Tijerina and Nicole Bridges, both of Newton; Amy Rawson, Carthage; and Claire Edgar, Union.

Standing from left are BSU Director Scott Vaughn, Decatur; Casie Page, Newton; Andy Murphy, Meridian; Nathan Stamper and Jacob Pierce, both of Decatur; Wesley Wright, Louisville; Kristen Gardner, Decatur; Jessie Warren, Forest- Jeff Pates, Newton; and Jeff Stuart, Pelahatchie. Not pictured are Natasha Phillips, Carthage; Erica Tullos Philadelphia; Josh Pugh, Decatur; and Rachel Smith, Louisville.

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WEEK OF 27 April 03

EC to host fast-pitch tryouts May 6

East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the 2003 Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team Monday, May 6, on the Decatur campus, announced head coach Mike Anderson.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Lunch will be served at noon. At 12:45 p.m. a campus tour and question and answer session will be held. Tryouts begin at 2:30 p.m. on the ECCC softball field.

For more information contact Anderson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 301, or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 301.

The Ac'Cents, East Central Community College's show choir, will present their annual spring concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

There is no charge for admission. Members include (front row, from left) Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia, Damien Wash of Hickory and Tori Tijerina of Newton; (second row, from left) Shanna Travis of Crystal Springs, Jeff Pates of Ocean Springs, Caleb Cook of Hickory and Leticia Horne of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Alexia Norris of Philadelphia, Ricardo Robinson and Matt Smith, both of Decatur; and Carl Wilson and Jennifer Cuchens, both of Newton.

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RECEIVES CPR TRAINING - These students in Lucille Wood's first aid class at East Central Community College recently received CPR training as part of their classroom assignment. From left are Bernice Hannah of Louisville, Brody Perkins of Carthage, CPR instructor Donna Pace, Newton Regional Hospital; Mary Shannon of Philadelphia, and Joshua Woodall of Newton. (EC Photo)

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East Central Community College Ac'cents

East Central Community College's performing ensemble, the Ac'cents, will be featured guests tonight (Thursday) during the annual Leake County Chamber of Commerce banquet. Activities will begin at Carthage Elementary School with a catered reception at 6:15 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. prime rib dinner and ceremonies, including recognition of Man of the Year and Woman of the Year and annual reports from the Chamber and the Leake County Industrial Development Association.

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WEEK OF 29 April

Rodeo Regional Champion

East Central Community College rodeo team member Natalie Tillman of Union has a new saddle and belt buckle after winning top honors in Breakaway Roping competition in the Ozark Region, which includes community colleges and four-year colleges in Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, Tennessee, Michigan, and Mississippi. She also received a cash prize and a plaque for her first-place finish and qualifies for College Rodeo Finals this summer in Casper, Wyo. Prior to the national contest, Tillman and teammates Chris Byrd of Noxapater and Lindsey Shaw of Perkinston will compete in the Regionals held May 9-12 in Lawton, Okla. (EC Photo)

EC's Rose is Outstanding ADN Student

Sonji Rose of Decatur, a fourth semester student in East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program, was recently named Outstanding ADN Student during the Mississippi Organization of Associate Degree Nurses annual Convention. She received a $500 scholarship and will be featured in the next issue of the MOADN newsletter. Criteria include nomination by the College's ADN faculty, a 2.5 or better grade point average with satisfactory clinical skills, leadership among fellow students while in the ADN program, a high degree of caring and professional spirit and community service. Each nominee also had to submit a one page essay titled "As an AD nurse, how can I make a difference in the future of nursing?"

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e Collegians, East Central nunity College's pop/rock and instrumental group will nted their spring concert ay, April 22, in Huff rium on the Decatur campus. will perform hits by popular artists Usher, Pink, Hoobastang and many others. Members of the popular group include (kneeling, from left) technicians Marcus Williams of Brandon and Andy Polizzi of Meridian; (seated, from left) technicians Josh Tillman of Forest, George Edwards of Louisville, Lucas Pope of Philadelphia and Andy Murphy of Meridian; and wind section members Joshua Black of Philadelpha, Matt Hedrick of Decatur and Grant Morris and April McAdory, both of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) vocalists Megan Tramill of Newton, Damein Wash of Hickory, Claire Edgar of Union, Chris Carson of Decatur, Kristen Thornton of Edinburg and Josh Burton of Decatur; and rhythm section members Kirk Misso of Starkville, Michael

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Attend ECCC Senior Day

Among participants in Senior Day activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur were the above students from area high schools who are shown with ECCC math instructor Haywood Reeves (left) of Forest. Pictured with Reeves are (from left) Amanda Faulkner of Morton, and Drew Kenna and Emily Wade, both of Forest. Approximately 930 students representing 25 schools in the College's five-county district attended the annual event.

WEEK OF 29 April 02

OUTSTANDING AND STUDENT - Sonji Rose of Decatur, a fourth semester student in East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program, was recently named Outstanding AND Student during the Mississippi Organization of Associate Degree Nurses annual convention. She received a $500 scholarship and will be featured in the next issue of the MOADN newsletter.

NURSING HONOR - ECCC's Associate Degree Nursing instructor Sherri Cantey was recently inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi's Gamma Lambda chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society. A native of Winston County, she is a graduate of Louisville High School and Meridian Community College. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in nursing from USM.

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Collegians head to Sea World

The 2001-2002 East Central Community College Collegians will embark on their 13th annual summer tour with a swing through Texas as they visit San Antonio, home of the Alamo, announced Thomas W. Carson, director.

"We'll be hangin' out with Shamu, as we entertain crowds for the summer opening of Sea World," said Carson.

Why Texas?

Carson explained, "Because of my daughter's high school graduation, we are touring a week earlier than usual, and most of the national theme parks, except for Disney, are not yet open during the week. Sea World San Antonio was looking for a group to entertain on their opening day, Friday, May 17, and we were available at that time."

He noted that Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida, had contacted him but that they would have to wait for the "Collegian Experience" at a later date!

Carson said, "Of course The Alamo will be part of our visit, as well as a quick day trip to the Mexican border town of Nuevo Laredo. The Mexico trip ought to be a great lesson in math...price squabbling over that one-of-a-kind sombrero or leather wallet!"

Members of the pop/rock vocal and instrumental group include vocalists Megan Tramill of Newton, Damein Wash of Hickory, Claire Edgar of Union, Chris Carson of Decatur, Kristen Thornton of Edinburg and Josh Burton of Decatur; technicians Marcus Williams of Brandon, Andy Polizzi of Meridian, Josh Tillman of Forest, George Edwards of Louisville, Lucas Pope of Philadelphia and Andy Murphy of Meridian; wind section members Joshua Black of Philadelphia, Matt Hedrick of Decatur and Grant Morris and April McAdory, both of Philadelphia; and rhythm section members Kirk Misso of Starkville, Michael Eichelberger of Conehatta and Matt Baldridge of Philadelphia.

Carthage students visit EC

Tony Kinton (left) of Carthage, English instructor and yearbook advisor at East Central Community College, visits with Carthage High School seniors (from left) Shannon Cheeks, Kenata Morgan, Isaiah Cochran, Aleta Shade and Tamara Williams during Senior Day activities recently held on the Decatur campus. Approximately 930 seniors representing 25 schools in the College's five-county district attended the annual event. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 29 April 02

Phi Beta Lambda winners

These East Central Community College students received top honors in the state Phi Beta Lambda Contest. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jenney McElhenney of Lake, first, computer concepts; and Terrance Williams of Conehatta, second, telecommunications; (second row, from left) Brandi Harvey of Forest, third, medical terminology; Jeanette Robinson of Edinburg, third, word processing; Leigh Ann Terrell of Union, third, hospitality management; Heather Kennedy of Philadelphia, third, multimedia; and Danielle Goss of Carthage, third, multimedia; and (back row, from left) Marty Pace of Newton, third, information management; and Jerry Hamm of Lake, third business principles. McElhenney and Williams will advance to national competition, which will be held June 23-26 in Nashville, TN.

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East Central Community College's Ac'cents entertain the crowd with song and dance.

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Amy Rawson selected as William Winter Scholar

East Central Community College freshman Amy Rawson of Carthage was recently selected the College's William Winter Scholar and was honored during the annual Natchez Literary Festival.

Accompanying Rawson was English instructor Patsy Moore of Louisville. Those attending were honored at a luncheon held in the Carriage House at Stanton Hall. Former Governor William Winter served as Master of Ceremonies.

Mississippi writers honored during this year's festivities included Eudora Welty, William Faulkner, Richard Wright and Tennessee Williams. Also honored was musician Louis Armstrong.

RAWSON

Noted scholars presented lectures, films and displays of the artists' works. Moore said, "This festival renewed my awe for the talent that Mississippi has and has had and reminds me of the rich cultural heritage that the South has to offer."

"I studied some of these writers in high school," said Rawson, "but never realized the impact they had on the literary world. This has been a wonderful experience and makes me realize that Mississippi has tremendous talent and makes me proud to be called a 'Southerner' and especially a 'Mississippian.'"

Rawson is the daughter of Gary and Rhonda Rawson of Carthage.

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Rogers cited

East Central Community College sophomore Lana Rogers (center) of Carthage was recently named to the 2002 Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Second Team, which recognizes the scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's community and junior colleges. A music major with piano emphasis, Rogers maintains a 4.0 grade point average. Also pictured are College President Dr. Phil Sutphin and Christy Ferguson, co-sponsor of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

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WEEK OF May 16, 2002

EC recital

East Central Community College students Lana Rogers (seated) of Walnut Grove and Jennifer Savell (standing right) of Lake recently performed piano and organ recitals, respectively, in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Both are students of ECCC music keyboard instructor Leesa Wilkinson (pictured left).

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WEEK OF May 6th 2002

EC Chapter honored

East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, was recognized as one of the Society's top 100 chapters at the organization's 2002 international convention held recently in Nashville, TN. EC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin was also honored at the awards ceremony and was among recipients of the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. In addition, sophomore Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove was presented the George O Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award and the Distinguished Regional Officer Award. Rogers serves as secretary of the Mississippi/Louisiana Region. From left are Theta Xi advisors Dr. Shelby Harris and Christy Ferguson; Rogers; and Dr. Sutphin.

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WEEK OF May 6th, 2002

East Central CC Cheerleaders chosen for 2003

Members of the East Central Community College cheerleading squad have been selected for the 2002-2003 term, announced Carrie Underwood, sponsor. Selections were made following tryouts held recently on the Decatur campus.

Members include co-captains Lindsey Cheatham of Decatur and Jennifer Walker of Philadelphia; Ashley Buckman and Eric Hall, both of Bay Springs; Jennifer Kersh, Enterprise; Shelley Johnson, Hickory; Audra Myers, Louisville; Renee Thompson, Morton; Nikki Tullos, Philadelphia; Scott Belvin, Collinsville; Richard Fulton, Preston; Eric Graham, Union; Chris Huff, Forest; Brody Perkins, Carthage; Nathan Stamper, Decatur, and Zach Thames, Newton.

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ECCC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HONOR CHOIR - These members of the East Central Community College Chorale were selected to attend the 2002 statewide Honor Choir held in March at Galloway Methodist Church in Jackson. Pictured are, front row, from left - Renae Irby of Meridian, Natalie Duncan of Lake, Megan Logan of Newton and Ricardo Robinson of Decatur; and back row, from left - Lisa Chamblee of Carthage, Chris Carson of Decatur, Dinah Howell of Little Rock, and David Thorne and Caleb Cook, both of Hickory. Ross Price is director of the Chorale. (EC Photo)

ECCC STUDENT LEADERS - Selected to lead the East Central community College Student body Association for the 2002-2003 term are right to left - president April McAdory of Neshoba Central, vice president Jimmy Hall of Leake Academy, and secretary Ashley Jones and treasurer Megan Logan, both of Newton. (EC Photo)

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ECCC SIFE members and Spanish students assist Spanish-speaking immigrants at the Trinity Missionary Church in Forest.

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ECCC State HOSA Winners - These East Central Community College Licensed Practical Nursing students won top honors in the state HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Competition. Pictured are (front row, from left) Rhonda Thomas of Conehatta, fifth place, medical math and National Healthcare Issues Exam; Debbie Blais of Union, first place, creative problem solving team; Kathy Harrison of Forest, first place, human growth and development; Tanya Primer of Carthage, elected state president, first place, creative problem solving team and first place, health education; Amy Clark of Carthage, second place, basic concepts of health care; and Eileen Soto of Forest, first place, health education; and (back row, from let) Jamie Blackburn of Decatur and Stephanie Mills of Carthage, National Healthcare Issues Exam; Karen Adams of Union, second place, nutrition, and National Healthcare Issues Exam; Angie Beasley of Louisville, fourth place, job seeking skills; J.J. Misso of Louisville, first place, creative problem solving team; Teresa Cager of Forest, first place, health education; and Kathy Hogue of Walnut Grove, elected state secretary/treasurer. All first through third place winners are eligible to attend the national HOSA Conference in Anaheim, CA, June 25-30. Kathy Buckman and Lori Luke serve as sponsors.

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WEEK OF May 10, 2002

ECCC announces graduation

Diplomas will be presented to approximately 435 graduates on Friday, May 10, when East Central Community College holds its 73rd commencement exercises beginning at 8 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

Approximately 360 students are candidates for graduation, while the remaining number represents those who completed degree requirements following the 2001 summer and fall terms, according to Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction.

Graduating sophomore Lana Rogers of Carthage will deliver the commencement address. Rogers, a music education major with piano emphasis, is a President's List Scholar and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Second Team. She was presented the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award and the Distinguished Regional Officer Award during the Honor Society's International Convention. She was also named to the 2002 East Central Community College Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College.

Rebecca Germany of Union, who is also a member of the Class of 2002, will provide special music. Germany, whose major is music education with a vocal emphasis, will sing "What Tomorrow Brings." She is a President's List Scholar and president of Phi Theta Kappa.

Other graduating sophomores selected to participate in the commencement program include Matt Davis of Decatur, invocation, and Kathy Jones of Philadelphia, benediction. Davis, an engineering major, is a President's List scholar and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All Mississippi Academic First Team. He was named the College's HEADWAE (Higher Eduation Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) and was recently inducted into the College's 2002 Hall of Fame. Jones is a member of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band and the ECCC Gospel Choir.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin will award degrees and certificates to the following:

SUMMER AND DECEMBER 2001 GRADUATES

Brenda L. Cook, Chanteau Harris, Jennifer M. Jenkins, Lucinda L. Kea, Michelle E. Smith, Jamie L. Stewart, Matthew Perry Stribling, Timecah LyShad Wilder, all of Carthage; Stephanie Reed Ward and Joshua Woodall, both of Collinsville; Mary Ellen Boykin and Cassidy Nickey, both of Conehatta; Michael Brand, Kasey Comans, Revonda Edmond, Jonathan Wade McDonald, Christy Mulford, Donna G. Reynolds, Tiffany Russell and Keshia Shoemaker, all of Decatur; Edgar Bradford, Edwit M. Epting, John Preston Foster, Veronica Jones, Lacy Anita Sharp, Jessica Victoria Smith, Mildred Jean Tucker and Tommie Lee Wells, all of Forest; Yolanda Latresa Wash, Hickory; Betty Cagle Bermond, Kosciusko; Rachel M. Smith, Lake; Macricia Hayes, Lawrence; Tiffany L. Bond and Billy Mart Murphree, both of Little Rock; Keneen Childress, Mandy Clark, Brandi Leigh Crowell, Anitra Frazier, Jerri Lynn Frey, Jerridean White Harrington, Talmadge Tywanis Johnson, Jamie Shotts, Amanda Stanton and Daphne Palmes Vick, all of Louisville; Crystal Arnault, McCool; Tanzanekia Adams, Dottie Binkley, Fredrick Knighten, Sharon Nash and Shelia Trussell, all of Meridian; Jimmie Lyn Harrison, Brandy Mills, Nicky S. Nichols, Benjamin Casie Page, Kimberly L. Rose and Andrea Smith, all of Newton; Terry Wayne Jordan and Thomas Edward Kittrell, both of Pachuta; Carol Barrett, Shirley Martin Berg, Christen J. Boler, Sonya Davis, Tracy Lindsey, Courtney D. Smith, Valeria B. Stribling, and Charles Allen Willis, all of Philadelphia; Robert D. Humphrey, Quitman; Marsha C. Sawyer, Raleigh; Jason Randall Gardner, Sebastopol; Shameka Bailey, Ellen Skinner Harrison and Mary Diane Johnson, all of Union; Jodie Farve, Walnut Grove; Jerry Spencer, Eagle Springs, NC; Sidney Brooks Hamilton, Angleton, TX; and Herbert J. Montgomery, Columbus, GA.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION MAY 2002

Cheryl D. Goodman, Bailey; Tiffany Jane Simmons and John Marcus Lessell Williams, both of Brandon; Julie Anne Temkovits, Brooksville; Sherron Adams, Kimberly M. Coghlan, April LeAnne Cook,

East Central Community College students who will participate [illegible] 73rd Commencement Ceremonies include (from left) Rebecca [illegible] many of Union, Matt Davis of Decatur, Lana Rogers of Walnut [illegible] and Kathy Jones of Philadelphia.

Jessie Cooper, Lori Nicole Cumberland, Melissa Evans, Somer Kersha Gilmer, Danielle Wilcher Goss, DeWonna Maria Grayson, Kimberly Danielle Griffin, Jessica Grimes, Richard Clint Hatch, Jennifer Kay Henry, Crystal Leigh Howell, Darwin Dewayne Kellum, Andrew Charles Kelly, Latonic Luckett, Tryphosa Tyre McFadden, Jessica McMahen, Jon Mooney, Jolena Morris, Megan Morrison, Kenneth W. Robinson, Lana Lorraine Rogers, Valarie Sam, Jenna Sims, Dusty Vowell and Rusty L. Vowell, all of Carthage; Kimberley Ann Culpepper, Jane Marie Goodin Eaves, Mandi Bay Johnston and Crystal A. Reynolds, all of Chunky; Dwight Agee, Collins; Kenneth C. Penson and Jackie S. Woodard, both of Collinsville; Christine Billy and Jonathan Renner Jackson, both of Conehatta; Hayden Corey Amis, Maxwell Tyler Anderson, Natalie Christina Black, Thomas F. Clark, Alan Coats, Cedric Cotton, Aaron Matthew Davis, John Edward Frith Jr., Roy Green, Danny C. [illegible] Brian Guraedy, LaTonya [illegible] land Thomas Johnson, [illegible] Jordan, Keri Keith, Krystal [illegible] McCool, Rachel Millings, [illegible] Alisa Pace, Charles [illegible] Jacob Austin Pierce, [illegible] Matt Reeves, Sonji Thomas, Jeremy Brent Stevens, [illegible] Sumner and William [illegible] all of Decatur; Brandi Nicole [illegible] DeKalb; Daniel M. [illegible] Christina Shinquella Ford, [illegible] Enterprise; Kelly Michelle [illegible] and Wesley F. Carlisle, [illegible] Lauren Amanda Allen, [illegible] Lewis Bradford, Lisa [illegible] Brantley, Jessica N. [illegible] Natasha Brown, Sharon [illegible] Burks, Jeffery C. [illegible] Necole Derricks, Jennifer [illegible] Susan Harris, Brandi [illegible] Audie Havard, [illegible] Hollingsworth, Jonathan [illegible] Howard Jackson, Jamie [illegible] Paul Kennedy, Allison [illegible] Andrew L. Latham, [illegible]

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ECCC holds 73rd commencement

special to The Star

DECATUR — More than 430 graduates received diplomas Friday at East Central Community College's Warrior Stadium.

Graduating sophomore Lana Rogers of Carthage delivered the commencement address. Rogers, a music education major with an emphasis in piano, is a President's List Scholar and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Second Team.

She was presented the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award and the Distinguished Regional Officer Award during the Honor Society's International Convention.

Rogers was also named to the 2002 East Central Community College Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive.

Another member of the class of 2002, Rebecca Germany of Union, provided special music for the ceremony. Germany, whose major is music education with a vocal emphasis, sang "What Tomorrow Brings." She is a President's List Scholar and president of Phi Theta Kappa.

Other graduating sophomores selected to participate in the commencement program included Matt Davis of Decatur, who delivered the invocation, and Kathy Jones of Philadelphia, who delivered the benediction.

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Graduation

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Davis, an engineering major, is a President's List scholar and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All Mississippi Academic First Team. He was named the College's Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence student and was recently inducted into the College's 2002 Hall of Fame.

Jones is a member of the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band and the ECCC Gospel Choir.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin awarded degrees and certificates to the graduates.

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GRADUATION

East Central Community College students with special roles in commencement ceremonies Friday were Rebecca Germany, left, of Union, Matt Davis of Decatur, Lana Rogers of Carthage and Kathy Jones of Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF May 13, 2002

MSU Scholarships

These East Central Community College sophomores received Phi Theta Kappa transfer scholarships to continue their education at Mississippi State University. The scholarships were presented during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Sommer Avertt of Union, Kerri Burks of Philadelphia, Allison Latham of Forest, Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove and Jessica McMahen of Carthage of Carthage; and (standing, from left) Tom Clark, Matt Davis, Daniel Pearce and Jason Guraedy, all of Decatur.

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Organizations/Clubs

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EC Honor Choir

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PERCUSSION RECITAL AT ECCC - East Central Community College Students from left - Andy Murphy of Meridian, Shane Travis of Crystal Springs, Ricardo Robinson of Decatur, and Chad Austin of Forest recently performed a percussion recital in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. All are students of ECCC assistant band director and percussion instructor Jared Brownlee (Photo)

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RECEIVE ECCC FACULTY MEMORIAL AWARDS These East Central Community College students received Faculty Memorial Awards during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Caleb May of Philadelphia, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; April McAdory of Philadelphia, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry and Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers; Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; Adam McAdory of Louisville, Robert G. Fick Music; and Charlene Foreman of Little Rock, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology; and (standing from left) Stephan Sykes of Lawrence, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Brandi Harvey of Forest, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Victoria Daniels of Philadelphia, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic; Allison Latham of Forest, Ruth Hull Memorial Award for Wo-He-Lo (yearbook); and Jessica McMahen of Carthage, L.B. Simmons History. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVE 'SPECIAL' HONORS AT ECCC Above are East Central Community College students who received "special" awards during the College's annual "Awards Day" program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Kerri Burks of Philadelphia, secondary education; Corey Blackwell of Louisville, S. LeBrun Hutchison Engineering; Shay Alford of Carthage, Myrtle R. Hutchison Award; Jimmy Hall of Lena, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; April McAdory of Philadelphia, Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa; and Sharon Burks of Forest, Mississippi Business Education Association (MBEA) Student Award; and (standing from left) Tekeyla Lyles of Forest and Crystal Reynolds of Chunky, MBEA Student Awards; Mary Margaret Irons of Philadelphia, Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant; Trudy King of Philadelphia, Spanish; Sonji Rose of Decatur, Associate Degree Nursing Outstanding Achievement; and Sommer Averett of Union, Brandi Bounds of DeKalb and Ty Anderson of Decatur, Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics. Not pictured are Tracy Sullivan of Philadelphia, MBEA Student Award, and Corey Amis of Decatur, Walter Arno Vince Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVE TECHNICAL AWARDS AT ECCC These East Central Community College students received technical honors during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Josh Baumunk and Benstan Pope, both of Philadelphia, collision repair technology; Aaron Chunn of Philadelphia, automotive technology; Willie Macon of Philadelphia, child development technology; Gary Maisonneuve of Carthage, computer technology; and Kevin Pierce of Newton and Kenneth Robinson of Carthage, electrical technology; and (standing from left) Kevin Belk of Union, electronic technology; Malthia Jones of Newton, gerontology technology; Adam Foreman of Little Rock, heating and air conditioning technology; Chris Comans of Newton, machine shop technology; Chad Penson of Collinsville, computer network support technology; Mavis Griffin of Conehatta, surgical technology; and Chris Bankston of Union, "Technical Student of the Year." Not pictured is Jody Chaney of Little Rock, O.L. Newell Memorial Drafting Award. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVE ECCC ALUMNI MEMORIAL AWARDS These East Central Community College students received Alumni Memorial Awards during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Missy Suttle of Noxapater, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Jessica Sistrunk of Philadelphia, Opal McMullan Dickerson Elementary Education; Megan Morrison of Edinburg, Alatha Chaney English; Daniel Pearce of Decatur, W. A. Coursey, Jr., Engineering; and Damon Hudson of Philadelphia and Ben Wilbanks of Carthage, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; and (standing from left) Rebecca Germany of Union, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; Justin Clark of Lousiville, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; James Denson of Walnut Grove, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball; Matt Davis of Decatur, Danny R. Killens Engineering; Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches, LA, Earline Wood Memorial Women's Basketball; and Josh Chaney of Little Rock, Andrew F. Webb Football. Not pictured are Kristen Harris of Newton, Sue Yarborough Fulgham Speech; Otha Lay of Forest, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural; and Cedric Cotton of Decatur, Andrew F. Webb Football. (EC Photo)

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Art awards

These East Central Community College students received various awards during the Spring Juried Art Show, which was on display during April in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur Campus. Pictured are (from left) William Cherry of Philadelphia, second place for "Silos and Haybails" and honorable mention for "Reflection of Life" and "Barnyard Moonlight," all in the Drawing Dry Media category; third for "Madeline" and honorable mention for "Steal Life," both in Drawing Wet Media; and honorable mention for "Disney Rip-Off" in Design; Amanda Thompson of Louisville, second for "Fading Trends in Footwear" in Drawing Wet Media; honorable mention for "Pears Still Life" in Drawing Dry Media; and honorable mention for "Self Portrait" in Design: Ardria Harris, first for "The Heart of Mississippi" in Drawing Wet Media; and Tommy Johnson of Carthage, third for "Alone in My House" and honorable mention for "Man Hammer," Both in sculpture.

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Tadlock Named ECCC 'Volunteer of the Year'

DECATUR--East Central Community College sophomore Beth Tadlock (left) of Lake was recently named the College's Campus Link Americorps "Volunteer of the Year." She has logged more than 50 tutoring hours in the ECCC Mississippi Reads program, a tutorial that pairs college students with elementary students in order to help raise reading levels at least two grades. At right is Americorps volunteer Thomas Clark of Decatur who presented Tadlock with a certificate of appreciation. (EC Photo)

Receive ECCC Drama Awards

DECATUR--Acting awards were presented to these East Central Community College students for their roles during the EC Players' musical production of "Footloose." Students were honored during the group's annual awards banquet, which was held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Jennifer Savell of Lake, most improved actress; Jeanette Robinson of Edinburg, best female newcomer; Jeremy Carson of Decatur, most promising future actor; Julie Weaver of Sebastopol, best understudy; and Lisa Chamblee of Carthage, most dedicated; and (standing from left) Krystal Moore of Philadelphia, best vocal cameo; Adam Mann of Philadelphia, director's choice for best scene stealer; Tom Clark of Decatur, best double role; Terrance Williamson of Conehatta, most dependable cast member; Casey Smith of Louisville, most improved actor; Joshua Ray of Walnut Grove, best male newcomer; Bill Cole of Union, director's choice for best scene stealer; Caleb Cook of Hickory, best vocal performance; and Laura Shook of Newton, best acting cameo. Awards were presented by Regina Rigby ofb Forest, who served as director. (EC Photo)

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ECCC orientations slated

East Central Community ollege invites students who are anning to attend classes for e 2002 fall term to "explore" eir future by attending one of re summer orientation sesons scheduled on the Decatur mpus.

ECCC Vice President for udent Services Joe Killens id, "Orientation provides a eat opportunity for students to ecome familiar with campus cilities and meet various colge personnel. It also serves as time to become acquainted ith other new students who ill be attending EC."

During orientation, students will also receive their approved class schedules for the fall semester and have photographs made for their identification cards.

Honors orientation is scheduled for Friday, May 31, for students who have a 21 or above ACT score and those selected STAR students, valedictorians and salutatorians. Also invited are students who are members of the National BETA Club and other honor societies.

Additional orientation sessions will be held Saturday, June 15; Thursday, June 27; Wednesday, July 10; and Saturday, Aug. 3.

To complete entrance requirements, students must have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research: (1) A completed application for admission; (2) An ACT (American College Test) score (academic.technical students only; does not apply to vocational students); (3) High school transcript; and (4) College transcripts if a transfer student. (Those who need to take the ACT may contact Michael Alexander, academic counselor.

Killens added, "The only charge to complete the orientation process is a $60 registration fee which is applied toward tuition costs for the fall semester. Students who have documented scholarships that cover this fee do not have to pay the registration. However, we highly encourage everyone to pay all fees prior to August 1. Those who have not paid all fees must attend the final registration on August 3 and could possibly have to wait in long lines."

Killens also stressed the fact that it is not necessary for students to know their major before attending orientation.

A complimentary lunch will be provided in Walker Memorial Cafeteria. Parents are invited to attend the orientation sessions and join in the luncheon.

For more information contact the Office of Student Services, ECCC, P.O. Box [illegible] Decatur, MS [illegible], ph. [illegible] ext. 375, or call toll-free [illegible]-982-3222.

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STUDENT NURSES AT NRH - As a final stage in completing the graduate nursing program at East Central Community College, two students are currently doing their preceptorship at Newton Regional Hospital under the direction of RNs Kelly Miller and Donna McKee. Pictured are (seated) Donna McKee, RN of Newton Regional with ECCC student, Stacy Neese, and standing - Kelly Miller, RN of Newton Regional with ECCC student Amy Lott.

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Winners in ECCC Spring Art Show These East Central Community College students received various awards during the Spring Juried Art Show, which was on display during April in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur Campus. Pictured are (from left) Lisa Brantley of Forest, third for "Mexican Vase" in the Ceramics-Hand Built category; Michelle Shaw of Philadelphia, second for "Tea Pot" in Ceramics-Thrown Vessels, and honorable mention for "Flower Cross" in Sculpture; and Lindsay Rigdon of Louisville, honorable mention for "Thing #3" in Ceramics-Thrown Vessels. Bruce Guraedy and Todd Eldridge serve as instructors.

Details made available on ECCC camp opportunities

7-on-7 Team Passing Camps

Area high school football players will have an opportunity to sharpen their athletic skills by attending one of two 7-on-7 Team Passing Camps scheduled this summer at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The first session will be held Tuesday, June 25 and the second session is scheduled Thursday, July 11, according to Terry Underwood, ECCC head football coach.

Coach Underwood said registration for each session begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. A coaches' meeting is scheduled at 9 a.m., with competition set to begin at 9:30 a.m. in Warrior Stadium.

Cost per participant is $25, which includes insurance, lunch and a camp T-shirt. A certified athletic trainer will be on duty for both sessions.

A trophy will be presented to the overall camp champion. For more information contact coaches Terry Underwood (ext. 244) or Steve Cheatham (ext. 371), East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2011 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222. The email address is cunderwood@ecc.cc.ms.us.

Basketball Camps

Four weeks of basketball camps are scheduled this summer at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced coaches Billy Smith and Brad Hodge.

Camp dates are June 2-5, for junior high boys (fourth through eighth grades); June 9-12, for senior high boys (ninth through twelfth grades); June 16-19, for junior high girls (fourth through eighth grades); and June 23-26, for senior high girls (ninth through twelfth grades).

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Cost is $145 for full-time campers and $110 for day campers. A deposit of $40 may be made in advance to satisfy registration with the balance due at the beginning of camp. Included in the camp fee are meals, dormitory room for full-time campers, accident insurance, camp T-shirt and a basketball.

Full-time campers are required to provide linens, blankets and pillows. Day campers will be provided the noon and evening meals only. A camp bank will be provided for concessions, pizza and snacks.

The first two-hour session of each camp week begins at 4 p.m. Sunday. Also scheduled on Sundays is a 7 to 9 p.m. session. Additional sessions will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, and from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Parents and friends are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Each camp week will close on Wednesday following the afternoon session.

For more information contact Coach Billy Smith (boys' camps) or Coach Brad Hodge (girls' camps), East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 243 (Smith) or 372 (Hodge). Email addresses are bsmith@eccc.cc.ms.us or bhodge@eccc.cc.ms.us.

Soccer Camp

A soccer camp for boys and girls is scheduled this summer at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Kenneth Thompson, Warrior soccer coach.

The three-day camp will be held Monday, July 15 through Wednesday, July 17 on the ECCC soccer field. Instruction will be provided from 8 to 10 a.m. for ages 5 to 8, and campers age 9 to 12 will receive instruction from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Cost is $40 per camper. The fee for additional family members is $35. A deposit of $25 may be made in advance to satisfy registration with the balance due at the beginning of camp. No refunds will be made after July 1, 2002.

Registration fee includes accident insurance and a camp T-shirt. A camp bank will be provided for concessions.

For more information contact Coach Kenneth Thompson, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 370. His email address is kthompson[illegible]

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ECCC dispenses awards

East Central Community College recently observed its annual "Awards Day" program, where numerous students were honored, including six who were inducted into the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC. To be considered for this honor, recipients "must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College," according to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Those selected for the prestigious honor for 2001-2002 include Leake countians Megan Morrison of Edinburg and Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove.

Morrison is a member of Warrior Corps and Phi Theta Kappa. She serves as president of the ECCC Players and has participated in various drama productions including "Crimes of the Heart," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "Accommodations" and "Footloose." She was named est. Actress in a drama and received an award for best show spirit for last year's productions.

She was selected Outstanding Humanities Student for 2000-2001 and was first place winner in the 2001 poetry festival sponsored by the Atlanta, Georgia. She was named to the MS/LA Region Phi Theta Kappa Order of the Golden Key and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All Mississippi Academic Team.

Rogers was presented the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award and the Distinguished Regional Officer Award during the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention.

Rogers is the recipient of various scholarships and was selected a freshman class favorite. During the spring musical her freshman year she received the award for best play spirit. She was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges and was recognized as a President's List scholar.

Those nominating her wrote, "Lana is an outstanding student who is most deserving of this honor. She has maintained excellent grades while participating in numerous campus activities. She has a wonderful attitude and goes beyond what is asked of her in her academic and extra-curricular activities."

She is the daughter of Dale and Penny Rogers of Walnut Grove and is a graduate of Leake Academy.

Photographs of these students will hang in the Hall of Fame collection in the lobby of

Intramural; Ben Wilbanks of Carthage, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; and James Denson of Walnut Grove, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball.

Faculty Memorial Awards presented included Brandi Harvey of Forest, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Allison Latham of Forest, Ruth Hull Memorial Award for Wo-He-Lo (yearbook); and Jessica McMahen of Carthage, L.B. Simmons History.

Various students were also recognized for being named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and transfer scholarships were presented by The University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University.

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ECC lists spring honorees

nts named to the 2002 emester honor roll have announced at East Community College in r, according to Donna Director of Admissions, d and Research.

he honor roll includes stu- s on the President's List, n's List and Honorable ention.

Named to the President's t from our readership area ch includes students with a grade point average, are the lowing:

resident's List

Carthage: Penny Elbenney Alford, Pinkey n Gordon, Deanna Steen n, Richard Clint Hatch, rissa G. Henry, Bobby Dale rton, William Brody Perkins d Rusty L. Vowell.

Forest: Rachel R. Chumney, hard Lee Deboer, Jennifer ner Gibson, Christopher L. l, April L. Jones, Otha Lay, le Charles Pope, Brandy rale Townsend and Shancey rman Young.

Lena: Bethany Leanne an, Ricky Graves and nie O'Bannon.

Sebastopol: Lynda W. n.

Walnut Grove: Nathan sby.

ean's List

The Dean's List includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average:

Carthage: Kimberly S. Alford, Ginger Britt, Alicia Margaret Campbell, Birgit Kaiser Cobb, Kenneth R. Ellis, Melissa Evans, John Derek Freeny, Somer K. Gilmer, Jessica R. Grimes, Andrew J. Henry, Christen A. Herrington, Crystal Howell, Joshua Jenkins, Jensen Jones, Patricia Ann Machart, Paul Melvin McCaughn, Jessica L. McMahen, Jolena Davidson Morris, Megan A. Morrison, Amanda Nazary, Natasha R. Phillips, Darlene Adams Pickle, Amy R. Rawson, Kenneth Robinson, Lana Rogers, Kimberly N. Stone and Kristen Thornton.

Forest: Mary Amanda Alford, Lauren Amanda Allen, Lewis Burklan Bradford, Jessica N. Brooks, Casey Lane Chambers, Angela Latrice Cooks, Jeffery C. Cooper, Stephen Jaimell Goodlow, Eric D. Gunn, Brandi Jones Harvey, Audie G. Havard, Charlie G. Henry, Brett J. Hollingsworth, Susie Ann Johnson, Allison L. Latham, Tekeyla Lyles, LaToya Vurnet McClendon, Jennifer L. Robinson, Mitzi K. Rogers, Natalie Marie Tanksley, Josh Tillman, Adam Joseph Wall, Jessie G. Warren and Jeremy Lance Wooten.

Lena: Sue Chennault, Jimmy Hall, Karen Lindsay Johnson and Alicia L. Latham.

Sebastopol: Alexander W. Shepard.

Walnut Grove: Mary A. Lathem, Linda McKelvey Moody, Vickie L. Powe and Brandy Spears.

Honorable mention

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

Carthage: James J. Atchley, Jennifer M. Beckham, Jessica Brumfield, Kimberly Michelle Coghlan, Lori Cumberland, Jennifer Belk Eanes, Adrienne K. Flowers, Larissia Wilcher Goss, Dewonna Maria Grayson, Kimberly D. Griffin, Donald Bruce Harmon, Jamie Rochelle Jenkins, Alma Criddle Jolly, Dee Jolly, Krystol Y. McCool, Stephanie Sones Mills, Chassidy W. Minshew, Jon Mooney, Michael Moore, Candace Mullen, Dexter C. Nettles, William Joseph Page, Jewett Dewayne Perkins, John E. Petty, Betty J. Robinson, Jenna Sims, Jenni Evans Sims, Dusty Vowell, Andrea E. Walker and Lameshia LaTrice Wilder.

Forest: Dwayne Anderson, Chad T. Austin, William C. Barber, Ashley N. Brown, Narja E. Bryce, Sharon S. Burks, Todd Christopher Butler, Krystin D. Cahoon, Misty Tashina Clark, Joshua D. Cooper, Kimberley LaClere DeBoer, Jennifer M. Emmons, Erica L. Hall, Heather Lauren Hanks, Susan Marie Harris, Cory Hayes, Jonathan Andrew Huff, Daniel P. Kennedy, Deborah Lang, Andrew L. Latham, Laura L. McMillan, April Ormond, Erica Ramage Riser, Rusty Russell, JoAn McCraw Shelley, Shanda Felina Shepard, Colin D. Smith, Kristie Spivey, Trilandra L. Ware, Donna Hutchinson Wedgeworth, Virginia K. Wolf and Freddie Woods.

Kosciusko: Jessica L. Brock and Heidi Wallen.

Lena: Paul Ford, Linda Marie Hamilton, Dennis D. Harris, Randolph Jason King, Richie Z. Lewis and Michael Darnell Townsend.

Ludlow: Montrail Lee and Lamarrio C. Mapp.

Madden: Kristol Brooke Bryan and Chad Crowe.

Sebastopol: Joe Scott Breedlove.

Walnut Grove: James E. Denson, Ardria Harris, Kathleen Moore Hogue, Laura J. Mills and Joshua S. Turner.

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

DECATUR — The following East Central Community College students from the surrounding area were named to the spring semester honor roll:

President's List
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Bay Springs: Jaclyn Evans;

Carthage: Penny McElhenney Alford, Pinkey Lynn Gordon, Deanna Steen Gunn, Richard Clint Hatch, Marisa G. Henry, Bobby Dale Martin, William Brody Perkins and Rusty L. Vowell.

Chunky: Kimberley A. Culpepper.

Collinsville: Elizabeth V. Jones.

Conehatta: Mavis Dickerson Griffin and Jonathan R. Jackson.

Decatur: Jamie Blackburn, Heather Harrison Cater, William Ryan Clarke, Aaron Matthew Davis, Bobbie Edmaiston Gaines, Jason B. Guraedy, Kirk T. Johnston, Jessica Boatner McDaniel, Charles D. Pearce, Angela Anderson Shaw and Nathan Warner Stamper.

DeKalb: Brandi N. Bounds.

Forest: Rachel R. Chumney, Richard Lee Deboer, Jennifer Maner Gibson, Christopher L. Hall, April L. Jones, Otha Lay, Cole Charles Pope, Brandy Nicole Townsend and Shancey Foreman Young.

Hickory: Rebecca A. Anderson, Brian W. Bufkin, George Kyle Darsey and Amanda Harris.

Lake: Natalie Duncan, Rebecca Kelly and Jessica Griffin Nester.

Lawrence: Stephan K. Sykes.

Little Rock: Jody M. Chaney and Timothy Adam Foreman.

Louisville: Candice L. Cooper, Sharonne A. Cooper, Miranda Faulk, Roy M. Gholston, Farris Hopkins, James Taylor Kirk, Ernestine McCully, Hailey Susan Reynolds, Honey Natalie Taylor, Lesley M. Taylor, Bridget Triplett Worthy and Angela Cherie Wragg.

Meridian: Brian Joseph Buckley, Kimberly Dawn Hull and Christopher S. Massey.

Newton: David B. Burt, Amy C. Campora, Connie Oceanus Chapman, Jessica Galyn Hamm, Kristen E. Harris, Alison M. Miller, Kristin Rice, Aloysius Towner and Natalie M. Tune.

Noxapater: Melissa J. Suttle and Vicki Brooks White.

Philadelphia: Donna Jeanne Alderman, Kara E. Beasley, Rachel E. Chapman, Kelly D. Cumberland, Jason S. Eakes, Jessica Eakes, Timothy R. Fieber, Damon Hudson, Elizabeth A. Johnson, April M. McAdory, Larry A. McMillan, Justin Ardell Moore, Chasity Stokes Robertson, Matthew D. Stone, Jessica Nicole Tullos, Tessa O. Walton and Amanda Dawn Wedgeworth.

Quitman: Thomas Gene Bohl.

Sebastopol: Lynda W. Killen.

Union: Jana Adkins, Tanya Winstead, Sommer M. Averett, Christopher Bankston, Wynease Venator Carter, Emily L. Casey, Rebecca Claire Edgar, Timothy Lyon, Lori E. Nichols, Bobby R. Renfrow, Rachel Wilkerson Richardson, Melanie E. Spire and Tabetha D. Willis.

Walnut Grove: Nathan Busby.

Dean's List
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Brandon: Tiffany Jane Simmons.

Carthage: Kimberly S. Alford, Ginger Britt, Alicia Margaret Campbell, Birgit Kaiser Cobb, Kenneth R. Ellis, Melissa Evans, John Derek Freeny, Somer K. Gilmer, Jessica R. Grimes, Andrew J. Henry, Christen A. Herrington, Crystal Howell, Joshua Jenkins, Jensen Jones, Patricia Ann Machart, Paul Melvin McCaughn, Jessica L. McMahen, Jolena Davidson Morris, Megan A. Morrison, Amanda Nazary, Natasha R. Phillips, Darlene Adams Pickle, Amy R. Rawson, Kenneth Robinson, Lana Rogers, Kimberly N. Stone and Kristen Thornton.

Collinsville: Anthony L. Barfield.

Conehatta: Laura Boykin Morrow and Kimberly Allen Taylor.

Decatur: Stephanie K. Airhart, Hayden Corey Amis, Maxwell T. Anderson, Thomas F. Clark, Hillary Dawn Cotten, Kristen E. Gardner, Bethany L. Garrison, Danny C. Gressett, Matthew A. Harris, Whitney Leigh Harris, Dinah Rebekah Howell, Chris D. Jordan, Dana Carole Massey, Summer L. Measell, Jacob A. Pierce, Jeremy B. Stevens, William Brent Sutphin and Roy Thomas Walters, Jr.

Enterprise: Lance S. Melton and Joseph Harold Stockman.

Florence: William K. Brake.

Forest: Mary Amanda Alford, Lauren Amanda Allen, Lewis Burklan Bradford, Jessica N. Brooks, Casey Lane Chambers, Angela Latrice Cooks, Jeffery C. Cooper, Stephen Jaimell Goodlow, Eric D. Gunn, Brandi Jones Harvey, Audie G. Havard, Charlie G. Henry, Brett J. Hollingsworth, Susie Ann Johnson, Allison L. Latham, Tekeyla Lyles, LaToya Vurnet McClendon, Jennifer L. Robinson, Mitzi K. Rogers, Natalie Marie Tanksley, Josh Tillman, Adam Joseph Wall, Jessie G. Warren and Jeremy Lance Wooten.

Hickory: Jared C. Cook, Cathie Marie Griffith, David M. Thorne, Deborah Airhart Walker, Johnny Howard Walker, Richard A. Walker and Damein C. Wash.

Hillsboro: Henrietta Boone Brown.

Lake: Odena S. Cox, Willey Aaron Johnston, Presttee W. Robinson, Jennifer Savell, Paula

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Collinsville: Jason Kelly Alford, Nono J. Autman, Corina LeAnn Cornell, Billy Mack Kinard and Kenneth C. Penson.

Conehatta: Marquis Tywyane Longmire, Leslie Ann Patrick, Mary Beckham Rash, Rhonda Belle Thomas, Terrance Williamson and Kristen L. Willis.

Jenne White McElhenney, Timothy Morgan, George Jeffery Parks, Shannon Michelle Towner and Becky Posey Wolf.

Lawrence: Lucas Carr, Kasey L. McMillan, Jeffrey Scott Pates and Laura Shook.

Little Rock: Kyle B. Chaney, Jeremy M. Jones and Tanya Dearman Oliver.

Louin: April Sims Goodson and Rebecca Ross.

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E. Tadlock, Cassandra Wolfe Wilson and Jason M. Wooten.

Lawrence: Daphney Hillman Bates, Curtis Blackburn, Yolanda Deleria Jackson and Chris Williams.

Little Rock: Jacob Michael Alexander, Joshua Ryan Chaney, Charlene C. Foreman and Talmadge Parker.

Louin: Jacquelin L. Moore, Makisha Bolden Payton and Charles A. Walters.

Louisville: Molly L. Addkison, Twanda Lowery Brazzle, Robert Justin Clark, William Christopher Clark, Sandra Cobb Cooper, Chris Davis, Cynthia Ann Eiland, Temeka Glass, Joseph E. Harsh, Rebecca Herrington, Wesley Nathaniel Loyd, John A. McAdory, Kimberly Diane McAdory, Vera Harrington McDonald, Jonathan Richard McMillin, Cody Reed, Christa Haynes Robinson, Kristin Rainey Swindle, Amanda D. Thompson and Wesley Wright.

Meridian: Eric M. Bland, Tiffany L. Chancellor, Courtney L. Graham, Brandy Michelle Harris, Leigh Ann Morrow and James Andrew Murphy.

Newton: Lindsey Nicole Bridges, Emily Strebeck Costilow, Jennifer N. Cuchens, John Edward Frith Jr., Aparna Niranjangiri Goswami, Vimukti Niranjangiri Goswami, Haylee Holden Haralson, Kyle Prentiss James, Ashley Jones, Richard Curtis Lancaster, Megan E. Logan, Truitt Martin Pace, Benjamin Casie Page, Connie L. Thornton, Victoria C. Tijerina, Morgan J. Walker, Katherine D. Windham, Katrina Wise and James Steven Youngblood.

Noxapater: Julienne N. Collins, Ashley L. Holdiness and Carla Jean Rushing.

Pachuta: Leann Eddins.

Philadelphia: Jennifer M. Bane, Jamie Heflin Bassett, Miranda C. Baumunk, Heather L. Brantley, Kenji K. Brown, Kerri D. Burks, Maranda L. Burks, Mandy R. Calecas, Aaron F. Chunn, Latisha Clark Chunn, Amanda Watkins Coghlan, Victoria Ann Daniels, James Leonard Duncan, Sarah N. Duncan, Christy LeAnn Fedrick, Ava Watkins Files, Lorenzo Griffin, Melody M. Griffin, Mary Margaret Irons, Alanna Johnson, Kathy S. Jones, Brian P. Lillis, William Mars, Caleb E. May, Elizabeth Dupree Moore, Erin Thrash Nowell, Jessica R. Sistrunk, Laura M. Sistrunk, Latahua Carter Sledge, Catherine R. Timm, Erica D. Tullos, Ashley Vines, Jennifer B. Walker, Kelly B. Walker, Jennifer Watkins, Melissa D. Willis and Bonnie W. Witcher.

Sebastopol: Alexander W. Shepard.

Shubuta: Ethel L. Dubose.

Union: Monica L. Allen, Jennifer A. Belk, Kevin R. Belk, Christina Boykin Blount, Rebecca Germany, Katy L. McBeath, Deedra Gray Munn, Aletha Michelle Shaw, Kurt Anson Stockstill, Natalie Tillman, Krystal Dawn Townsend, Kimberly Renay Trotter, Leslie Vance and Pamela Winstead.

Wallnut Grove: Mary A. Lathem, Linda McKelvey Moody, Vickie L. Powe and Brandy Spears.

Honorable Mention

3.0 or above grade point average

Bay Springs: Charles Alexander Hall.

Carthage: James J. Atchley, Jennifer M. Beckham, Jessica Brumfield, Kimberly Michelle Coghlan, Lori Cumberland, Jennifer Belk Eanes, Adrienne K. Flowers, Larissia Wilcher Goss, Dewonna Maria Grayson, Kimberly D. Griffin, Donald Bruce Harmon, Jamie Rochelle Jenkins, Alma Criddle Jolly, Dee Jolly, Krystol Y. McCool, Stephanie Sones Mills, Chassidy W. Minshew, Jon Mooney, Michael Moore, Candace Mullen, Dexter C. Nettles, William Joseph Page, Jewett Dewayne Perkins, John E. Petty, Betty J. Robinson, Jenna Sims, Jenni Evans Sims, Dusty Vowell, Andrea E. Walker and Lameshia LaTrice Wilder.

Chunky: Andrew L. Cooley, James S. Cress, Jane Goodin Eaves and Crystal A. Reynolds.

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ECCC athletes take academic honored

DECATUR — Eleven student-athletes at East Central Community College are recipients of academic honors presented by the National Junior College Athletic Association for the 2001-2002 term. Recipients of the prestigious award must have completed three semesters of coursework and participated in at least one sport recognized by the NJCAA.

Selected Distinguished Academic All-Americans — students with a 3.8 grade point average or above — include softball players Sommer Averett and Emily Casey, both of Union; tennis team members Brandi Bounds of DeKalb and Ty Anderson of Decatur; baseball player Corey Amis and golfer Jeremy Stevens, both of Decatur; and football/baseball player Josh Chaney of Little Rock.

Students named on the Academic All-American list — those with at least a 3.6 GPA — include tennis player Tori Tijerina of Newton, and soccer team members Wesley Rounsaville and Caleb May, both of Philadelphia, and Braden Land of Corinth.

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Completes electrical course

This group of industrial workers recently completed a 30-hour course in Electrical-Level One provided in the Productivity Enhancement Lab at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated from left are Robert Spears of Meridian, Shane Clark of Louisville, Allan Barnett of Noxapater, Ashley Johnson of Leesville, La.; Patrick Hantzis of Philadelphia, Jerry Kelly of Louisville and Nathan Johnson of Philadelphia. Standing from left are David Johnson, Jr., of Philadelphia, Jeremy Stokes of Collinsville, Thomas Fulgham of Louisville, Joshua Busby of Leesville, La., Jerome Newsom of Carthage, Justin Holmes and Maddi Price, both of Philadelphia, Clark Gregory of Noxapater and instructor John Everett of Decatur. For information on the various classes available for area businesses and industries at the Productivity Enhancement Lab contact Roger Whitlock, director of the College's Workforce Development Center, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 299. His email address is rwhitlock@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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Completes pharmacy technician course

Above are students who recently completed a pharmacy technician course offered by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur and held at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of the College. Seated from left are Rhonda Wilson, instructor, and Scarlett Moore, Kim Hardy and Stacy Staats, all of Philadelphia. Standing from left are Pam Spears, Brenda Nowell and Angie Winstead, all of Philadelphia; Renetia Holloway, Sebastopol; and Cindy Jenkins, Carthage. Not pictured are Jason Myers of Sebastopol, Jodi Tyree of Newton, Brandi Harrison of Union, and Linda Fisher and Theresa Fanning, both of Philadelphia. For more information contact Tina Harris, basic skills specialist, ECCC Workforce Development Center, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 304. Her email address is tharris@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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These students recently completed a 30-hour course in Basic Electricity provided in the productivity Enhancement Lab at thePhiladelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated from left are Donell Boler of Philadelphia, Monty Norman of Newton, Scott Moody of Philadelphia and Raymond Johnson of Newton. Standing from left are James French of Noxapater, Don Johnson, Jimmy instructor Blake Warren of Sebastopol. Warren also serves as Lab coordinator/trainer. For for area businesses and industries at the Productivity Enhancement Lab contact Roger Whitlock, director of the college's Workforce Development enter, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 299. His email address is rwhitlock@eccc.cc.ms.us. (EC Photo)

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ECCC's NJCAA Academic All-Americans - Eleven student-athletes at East Central Community College in Decatur have been selected NJCAA Academic All-Americans for the 2001-02 College term. Recipients of the prestigious honor must have completed three semesters of coursework and participated in at least one sport recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Students who earn a 3.8 grade point average or above qualify as Distinguished Academic All-Americans and those with at least a 3.6 GPA are named Academic All-Americans. Honorees and their respective sports area include (seated from left) Tori Tijerina (tennis) of Newton, Emily Casey (softball) and Sommer Averett (softball), both of Union; Brandi Bounds (tennis) of DeKalb, and Josh Chaney (football/baseball) of Little Rock, and (standing from left) Caleb May (soccer) of Philadelphia, Braden Land (soccer) of Corinth, and Jeremy Stevens (golf), Ty Anderson (tennis) and Corey Amis (baseball), all of Decatur. Not pictured is Wesley Rounsaville (soccer) of Philadelphia. Casey, Averett, Bounds, Chaney, Stevens, Anderson and Amis were named on the Distinguished list. The outstanding group will be featured in Juco Review, the official NJCAA publication.

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WEEK OF May 27, 2002

ECCC Announces Spring Semester Honor Roll

Students named to the 2002 spring semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Record and Research. The honor roll includes students on the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention.

Named to the President's List, which includes students with a 4.0 grade point average, are the following:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Forest: Rachel R. Chumney, Richard Lee Deboer, Jennifer Maner Gibson, Christopher L. Hall, April L. Jones, Otha Lay, Cole Charles Pope, Brandy Nicole Townsend and Shancey Foreman Young. **Lake**: Natalie Duncan, Rebecca Kelly and Jessica Griffin Nester. **Lena**: Bethany Leanne Bryan, Ricky Graves and Bonnie O'Bannon. **Morton**: Timothy Paul Babb and Penny M. Easterling. **Sebastopol**: Lynda W. Killen.

DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average: **Forest**: Mary Amanda Alford, Lauren Amanda Allen, Lewis Burklan Bradford, Jessica N. Brooks, Casey Lane Chambers, Angela Latrice Cooks, Jeffery C. Cooper, Stephen Jaimell Goodlow, Eric D. Gunn, Brandi Jones Harvey, Audie G. Havard, Charlie G. Henry, Brett J. Hollingsworth, Susie Ann Johnson, Allison L. Latham, Tekeyla Lyles, LaToya Vurnet McClendon, Jennifer L. Robinson, Mitzi K. Rogers, Natalie Marie Tanksley, Josh Tillman, Adam Joseph Wall, Jessie G. Warren and Jeremy Lance Wooten. **Hillsboro**: Henrietta Boone Brown. **Lake**: Odena S. Cox, Willey Aaron Johnston, Presttee W. Robinson, Jennifer Savell, Paula E. Tadlock, Cassandra Wolfe Wilson and Jason M. Wooten. **Lena**: Sue Chennault, Jimmy Hall, Karen Lindsay Johnson and Alicia L. Latham. **Morton**: Gregory T. Butler, Amanda L. Denson, Jeffery Paul Denson, Kenny Gomillion, Stacie L. Gordon, Cynthia A. Jolly, Adam C. McCurdy, Tracy Beavers Sanford, Matthew L. Smith, Haley L. Waggoner and Gary A. Wyatt. **Pelahatchie**: Jeff D. Stuart. **Pulaski**: Kathy-Rock Harrison, Aimee Elizabeth McLaurin and Brandy C. Richardson. **Sebastopol**: Alexander W. Shepard. **Wallnut Grove**: Mary A. Lathem, Linda McKelvey Moody, Vickie L. Powe and Brandy Spears.

HONORABLE MENTION

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average: **Forest**: Dwayne Anderson, Chad T. Austin, William C. Barber, Ashley N. Brown, Narja E. Bryce, Sharon S. Burks, Todd Christopher Butler, Krystin D. Cahoon, Misty Tashina Clark, Joshua D. Cooper, Kimberley LaClere DeBoer, Jennifer M. Emmons, Erica L. Hall, Heather Lauren Hanks, Susan Marie Harris, Cory Hayes, Jonathan Andrew Huff, Daniel P. Kennedy, Deborah Lang, Andrew L. Latham, Laura L. McMillan, April Ormond, Erica Ramage Riser, Rusty Russell, JoAn McCraw Shelley, Shanda Felina Shepard, Colin D. Smith, Kristie Spivey, Trilandra L. Ware, Donna Hutchinson Wedgeworth, Virginia K. Wolf and Freddie Woods. **Lake**: Jennifer N. Hunt, Jenne White McElhenney, Timothy Morgan, George Jeffery Parks, Shannon Michelle Towner and Becky Posey Wolf. **Lena**: Paul Ford, Linda Marie Hamilton, Dennis D. Harris, Randolph Jason King, Richie Z. Lewis and Michael Darnell Townsend. **Ludlow**: Montrail Lee and Lamarrio C. Mapp. **Morton**: Stephen T. Babb, Jonathan W. Bates, Teresa McCurdy Cager, Frederick Dean Denson, Tammy Fayne Faulkner, Joshua G. Hall, Amanda R. Layton, Janice M. McCullough, William Robert Page, Herman Dewitt Warren, Whitney Westberry, Amanda L. Winters and Ruth Phillipson Wood. **Pelahatchie**: William Andrew Moore. **Pulaski**: Brandie Black, Tiffany N. Jones and Stacy L. Neese. **Sebastopol**: Joe Scott Breedlove.

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Receive supporting cast awards at ECCC

These East Central Community College students were honored for supporting cast roles during the EC Players' musical production of "Footloose." Students were honored during the group's annual awards banquet, which was held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Seated, from left, are Deirdre Greer of Carthage, Shalonda Buckley of Philadelphia and Kristen Persons of Noxapater; and standing,Paul Mason and Alyssa Ford, both of Newton. Not pictured is Tony Harris of Union. Awards were presented by Regina Rigby of Forest, who served as director.

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Philadelphia students named to spring honor roll at ECCC

Students named to the 2002 spring semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Record and Research.

The honor roll includes students on the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention.

Students from the Philadelphia area named to the President's List, which includes students with a 4.0 grade point average, are the following:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Philadelphia: Donna Jeanne Alderman, Kara E. Beasley, Rachel E. Chapman, Kelly D. Cumberland, Jason S. Eakes, Jessica Eakes, Timothy R. Fieber, Damon Hudson, Elizabeth A. Johnson, April M. McAdory, Larry A. McMillan, Justin Ardell Moore, Chasity Stokes Robertson, Matthew D. Stone, Jessica Nicole Tullos, Tessa O. Walton and Amanda Dawn Wedgeworth.

DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average:

Philadelphia: Jennifer M. Bane, Jamie Heflin Bassett, Miranda C. Baumunk, Heather L. Brantley, Kenji K. Brown, Kerri D. Burks, Maranda L. Burks, Mandy R. Calecas, Aaron F. Chunn, Latisha Clark Chunn, Amanda Watkins Coghlan, Victoria Ann Daniels, James Leonard Duncan, Sarah N. Duncan, Christy LeAnn Fedrick, Ava Watkins Files, Lorenzo side, Colt Stuart Callahan, Ashley Conn Carter, Hope Posey Chunn, Denitra Cole, Ella Mae King Crocker, Carrie Cumberland, Stephen Roy Curtis, Derek W. Dunn, Raquel Elaine Farmer, Jonathan Griffin, Krystal Beckham Griffin, Adrienne N. Holmes, Monica Renee Isaac, Jason G. Jones, Kevin Michael Langley, Natasha Hardy Lewis, Willie Patrick Macon, Ryan McCann, Jeremy W. McNair, Lavisa Moore, Susan Leanne Moore, Trinity Morris, Shirley Norris Nash, Lacey Jo Nelson, Barry C. Nowell, Ashley L. Ogletree, Nina Roach, Michael D. Robertson, Robert D. Routh, Kenny Cartez Rush, Mary Shannon, Carrie E. Shrock, Heather Barrett Strait, Melissa Moore Tindol, Joseph Byron Tullos, Shayla Kellianne Vaughn, Lindsey Williams and Jonni D. Wilson.

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WEEK OF June 3, 2002

HOSA award winners

Surgical Technology students at East Central Community College in Decatur who received honors during the state HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) competition included (seated, from left) Angela Shaw of Decatur, fourth, creative problem solving; Leann Bryan of Carthage, fourth, creative problem solving; Rachel Chapman of Philadelphia, fifth, pathophysiology knowledge test; Amanda Harris of Hickory, fourth, creative problem solving; and Nina Roach of Philadelphia, first, community awareness; and (standing, from left) Mandy Watson of Louisville, fourth, creative problem solving; Kim McAdory of Louisville, second, clinical specialty; Connie CHapman of Newton, third, clinical specialty; Amanda Denson of Branch, second, outstanding chapter; and Angela Cooks of Forest, fourth, clinical specialty. Not pictured is Kyoko Walker of Newton, fourth, extemporaneous writing. Leann Shirley and Kristy Pilgrim serve as advisors. All first through third place winners advance to the national competition which will be held June 23-28 in Anaheim, Ca.

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WEEK OF June 3, 2002

ECCC Gospel Choir Performs At Texas Church

East Central Community College's Gospel Choir recently concluded a busy year with a performance at the Mesquite (Texas) Friendship Church. Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson, sponsor, said choir members were rewarded with the annual trip "for their dedication and hard work" throughout the year. Students made several visits to schools, churches, nursing homes, and colleges in addition to performing on campus during the fall and spring semesters. While in Texas, choir members also visited Six Flags Over Texas.

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WEEK OF June 10, 2002

Six Named To ECCC Hall of Fame

East Central Community College recently observed its annual "Awards Day" program, where numerous students were honored, including six who were inducted into the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC. To be considered for this honor, recipients "must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College," according to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Those selected for the prestigious honor for 2001-2002 include Josh Chaney of Little Rock, Matt Davis of Decatur, Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia, Megan Morrison of Edinburg, Andy Murphy of Meridian and Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove.

Chaney is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, the Warrior football and baseball teams and the Baptist Student Union.

He was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges and was recognized as a President's List scholar. He received the Academic Award and the Warrior Award during the annual football awards banquet and was named to the Honorable Mention All-State Team.

One of those nominating Chaney for this honor wrote, "He is a young man with a high moral standard, tireless work ethic and an impeccable character. He has excelled in the classroom and on the athletic fields. He is an example of what every student-athlete should strive to be."

A graduate of Newton County High School, he is the son of Rickey and Brenda Chaney of Little Rock.

Davis is a member of the Warrior Corps and the Presidents Council. He serves as vice president for service of Phi Theta Kappa, president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon engineering club and reporter of Mu Alpha Theta mathematics club.

He is a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band and the Concert and Jazz bands. Davis serves as a volunteer for the Mississippi Reads program and is chairman of the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up program.

ALSUWS

She was selected Outstanding Humanities Student for 2000-2001 and was first place winner in the 2001 poetry festival sponsored by the Mississippi Poetry Society.

A Dean's List Scholar, she was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges.

Those who nominated her wrote, "Megan Morrison is the most outstanding student that I have taught at East Central. Her general knowledge cannot be matched. She is intellectually curious, creative and highlymotivated. Even when she is very busy with drama productions, she neverslacks up. She has a clear understanding of what she wants to do in life and she accepts the responsibilities that her choices entail. Megan is an achiever. She will bring honor to herself and to the institution."

A graduate of Edinburg High School, she is the daughter of William and Margie Morrison of Edinburg.

Murphy is a member of the Concert Chorale, Presidents Council, Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and the Collegians.

He serves as president of the Student Body Association and vice president of the Concert Chorale. He serves as drum captain and was selected first chair in the concert band. He was selected a class favorite. He was recently participated in the College Band Directors' National Association Honor Band.

Murphy was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges and was named a President's List Scholar.

One of those nominating Murphy wrote, "Andy's leadership qualities and his willingness to promote East Central has certainly been a positive influence on many prospective students. Although he is heavily involved in many activities on campus, Andy has maintined the high grades expected of the ECCC 'elite.' I have no doubt that Andy will continue to be a great ECCC promoter even after he moves on."

He is a graduate of Southeast

Recipients of technical awards were Josh Baumunk and Benstan Pope, both of Philadelphia, collision repair technology; Arron Chunn of Philadelphia, automotive technology; Willie Macon of Philadelphia, child development technology; Gary Maisonneuve of Carthage, computer technology; Kenneth Robinson of Carthage and Kevin Pierce of Newton, electrical technology; Kevin Belk of Union, electronic technology;

Malthia Jones of Newton, gerontology technology; Adam Foreman of Little Rock, heating and air conditioning technology; Chris Comans of Newton, machine shop technology; Chad Penson of Collinsville, computer network support technology; Jody Chaney of Little Rock, O.L. Newell Memorial Drafting Award; Mavis Griffin of Conehatta, surgical technology; and Chris Bankston of Union, Technical Student of the Year.

Special awards were presented to Lana Rogers of Carthage, Citizenship; Allison Latham of Forest, sophomore mathematics; Megan Morrison of Edinburg, ECCC Players; Caleb Cook of Hickory, ECCC Singers; Chalanda Hudson of Philadelphia, Gospel Choir; Jennifer Savell of Lake, EC Environmental Club; Ty Anderson, Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry; Victoria Daniels of Philadelphia, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship; Thomas Clark of Decatur, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Nontraditional Education; Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs, Charlene Foreman of Little Rock, and Adam Joseph Wall of Forest, freshman mathematics; Kerri Burks of Philadelphia, secondary education; Corey Blackwell of Louisville, S. LeBrun Hutchison Engineering; Shay Alford of Carthage, Myrtle Hutchinson Award; Jimmy Hall of Lena, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; April McAdory of Philadelphia, Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa; Sharon Burks and Tekeyla Lyles, both of Forest, Crystal Reynolds of Chunky and Tracy Sullivan of Philadelphia, Mississippi Business Education Association Student Awards; Mary Margaret Irons of Philadelphia, Alyne

[illegible] Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges and was recognized as a President's List scholar. He was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All Mississippi Academic First Team and was selected HEAD-WAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Student of the Year.

Davis received the Danny R. Killens Freshman Engineering Award, the freshman chemistry award and the L.B. Simmons History Award.

One of those nominating Davis wrote, "Matt is an outstanding student who is a natural leader in the classroom and in all extra-curricular activities in which he is involved. His academic record is excellent, but beyond that, Matt motivates his peers to set and meet high goals. He is the kind of young man who will make a positive contribution to society in the future."

He is the son of Ron and Patti Davis of Decatur and is a graduate of Newton County High School.Eakes is a member of Students in Free Enterprise, Ac'cents show choir, Diamond Girls, Presidents Council and Concert Chorale.

She serves as vice president for fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa, vice president of Warrior Corps, assistant editor of the College yearbook Wo-He Lo, and president of the sophomore class. She was selected Miss ECCC.

She was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges and was chosen a President's List scholar.

Those who nominated her wrote, "Jessica is probably one of the most intelligent students I have had the pleasure of teaching. I have taught her four semesters and she has proven to be an excellent student. She is dedicated to East Central and very supportive in its activities. She is truly a leader and deserves this high honor."

Eakes is the daughter of Robin Eakes and Richard and Aletha Eakes, all of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Philadelphia High School.

Morrison is a member of Warrior Corps and Phi Theta Kappa. She serves as president of the ECCC Players and has participated in various dramaproductions including "Crimes of the Heart," "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "Accommodations"and "Footloose." She was named Best Actress in a Drama and received an award for Best Show Spirit for last year's pro-

[illegible] Student Union and the Diamond Girls.

She serves as president of the Warrior Corps, president of the Concert Chorale, vice president of the Presidents Council and secretary for MS/LA Region of Phi Theta Kappa. She also serves as a volunteer for the Mississippi Reads program.

She was selected to attend the Phi Theta Kappa Mini Honors Institute in Florence, Alabama, and the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. She was named to the MS/LA Region Phi Theta Kappa Order of the Golden Key and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All Mississippi Academic Team.

Rogers was presented the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award and the Distinguished Regional Officer Award during the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention.

Rogers is the recipient of various scholarships and was selected a freshman class favorite. During the spring musical her freshman year she received the award for Best Play Spirit. She was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges and was recognized as a President's List scholar.

Those nominating her wrote, "Lana is an outstanding student who is most deserving of this honor. She has maintained excellent grades while participating in numerous campus activities. She has a wonderful attitude and goes beyond what is asked of her in her academic and extra-curricular activities."

She is the daughter of Dale and Penny Rogers of Walnut Grove and is a graduate of Leake Academy.

Photographs of these students will hang in the Hall of Fame collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

ADDITIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

In addition to the Hall of Fame honorees, various academic honors were presented as well as a number of awards for extracurricular activities.

Vocational award recipients included Sharonne Cooper of Louisville and Kenny Gomillion of Morton, cabinetmaking; Nathan Busby of Walnut Grove, carpentry; Kimberly Hull of Meridian, cosmetology; Drew Walters of Louin and Kevin Carter of McCool, welding and cutting; Jamie Blackburn of Decatur, licensed practical nursing; and Kathleen Hogue of Walnut Grove, Vocational Student of the Year.

[illegible] Sung Rae of Decatur, Associate Degree Nursing Outstanding Achievement and Summer Averett of Union, Cory Amis and Ty Anderson, both of Decatur, and Brandi Bounds of DeKalb, Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics.

Alumni Memorial Award recipients included Missy Suttle of Noxapater, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Jessica Sistrunk of Philadelphia, Opal McMullan Dickerson Elementary Education; Megan Morrison of Edinburg, Alatha Chaney English; Kristen Harris of Newton, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech; Otha Lay of Forest, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural; Damon Hudson of Philadelphia and Ben Wilbanks of Carthage, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; Aaron Matthew Davis of Decatur, Danny R. Killens Engineering; Rebecca Germany of Union, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; Justin Clark of Louisville, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; James Denson of Walnut Grove, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball; Nikki LaCour of Natchitoches, LA, Earline Wood Women's Basketball; Josh Chaney of Little Rock and Cedric Cotton of Decatur, Andrew F. Webb Football; and Daniel Pearce of Decatur, W.A. Coursey Jr. Engineering. Faculty Memorial Awards were presented to Caleb May of Philadelphia, J.

Wallace Bedwell Business; Timothy Fieber and April McAdory, both of Philadelphia, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; Adam McAdory of Louisville, Robert G. Fick Music; Charlene Foreman of Little Rock, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Brandi Harvey of Forest, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Victoria Daniels of Philadelphia, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic; Allison Latham of Forest, Ruth Hull Memorial Award for Wo-He-Lo (yearbook); April McAdory of Philadelphia, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers; and Jessica McMahen of Carthage, L.B. Simmons History.

Various students were also recognized for being named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and transfer scholarships were presented by The University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University.

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These East Central Community College students received various awards during the Spring Juried Art Show, which was on display during April in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur Campus. Pictured are (from left) Betty Thames of Newton, second for "Scalloped Cuff" in Ceramics-Hand Built; Thomas Walton of Decatur, honorable mention for "Chariots of Fire" in Ceramics-Hand Built; Katrina Wise of Newton, first for "Night Time Blues" and third for "Guraedy's Kitchen," both in Drawing Dry Media; and first for "Too Much Drama," third for "Flagrant Winds" and honorable mention for "Jade's Dream," all in Painting; Edgar Bradford of Forest, first for "Honey Pot" and honorable mention for'Big Munchie," both in Ceramics-Thrown Vessels; and first for "The Happy Bear" and honorable mention for "Shamoo," both in Sculpture; and Dianne Douglas of Newton, first for "Life" in Ceramics-Hand Built and honorable mention for "Martha" in Painting. Bruce Guraedy and Todd Eldridge serve as instructors.

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These students were recently named to the East Central Community College Hall of Fame, the highest honor awarded at the college. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia, Megan Morrison of Edinburg, Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove; and (back row, from left) Josh Chaney of Little Rock, Matt Davis of Decatur and Andy Murphy of Meridian.

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ECCC Announces Spring

Students named to the 2002 spring semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Record and Research.

The honor roll includes students on the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention.Named to the President's List, which includes students with a 4.0 grade point average, are the following:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Bay Springs: Jaclyn EvansCarthage: Penny McElhenney Alford, Pinkey Lynn Gordon, Deanna Steen Gunn, Richard Clint Hatch, Marisa G. Henry, Bobby Dale Martin, William Brody Perkins and Rusty L. Vowell. Chunky: Kimberley A. Culpepper. Collinsville: Elizabeth V. Jones. Conehatta: Mavis Dickerson Griffin and Jonathan R. Jackson. Decatur: Jamie Blackburn, Heather Harrison Cater, William Ryan Clarke, Aaron Matthew Davis, Bobbie Edmaiston Gaines, Jason B. Guraedy, Kirk T. Johnston, Jessica Boatner McDaniel, Charles D. Pearce, Angela Anderson Shaw and Nathan Warner Stamper. DeKalb: Brandi N. Bounds. Forest: Rachel R. Chumney, Richard Lee Deboer, Jennifer Maner Gibson, Christopher L. Hall, April L. Jones, Otha Lay, Cole Charles Pope, Brandy Nicole Townsend and Shancey Foreman Young. Hickory: Rebecca A. Anderson, Brian W. Bufkin, George Kyle Darsey and Amanda Harris.Lake: Natalie Duncan, Rebecca Kelly and Jessica Griffin Nester.Lawrence: Stephan K. Sykes. Lena: Bethany Leanne Bryan, Ricky Graves and Bonnie O'Bannon.Little Rock: Jody M. Chaney and Timothy Adam Foreman. Louisville: Candice L. Cooper, Sharonne A. Cooper, Miranda Faulk, Roy M. Gholston, Farris Hopkins, James Taylor Kirk, Ernestine McCully, Hailey Susan Reynolds, Honey Natalie Taylor, Lesley M. Taylor, Bridget Triplett Worthy and Angela Cherie Wragg. McCool: Tammy McQuirter Davis. Meridian: Brian Joseph Buckley, Kimberly Dawn Hull and Christopher S. Massey. Morton: Timothy Paul Babb and Penny M. Easterling. Newton: David B. Burt, Amy C. Campora, Connie Oceanus Chapman, Jessica Galyn Hamm, Kristen L. Harris, Alison M. Miller, Kristin Rice, Aloysius Towner and Natalie M. Tune. Noxapater: Melissa J. Suttle and Vicki Brooks White. Philadelphia: Donna Jeanne Alderman, Kara E. Beasley, Rachel E. Chapman, Kelly D. Cumberland, Jason S. Eakes, Jessica Eakes, Timothy R. Fieber, Damon Hudson, Elizabeth A. Johnson, April M. McAdory, Larry A. McMillan, Justin Ardell Moore, Chasity Stokes Robertson, Matthew D. Stone, Jessica Nicole Tullos, Tessa O. Walton and Amanda Dawn Wedgeworth. Picayune: Amy L. Wilkerson. Pontotoc: Thomas Gene Smiley.Quitman: Thomas Gene Bohl. Sebastopol: Lynda W. Killen. Sturgis: George A. Edwards. Union: Jana Adkins, Tanya Winstead, Sommer M. Averett, Christopher Bankston, Wynease Venator Carter, Emily L. Casey, Rebecca Claire Edgar, Timothy Lyon, Lori E. Nichols, Bobby R. Renfrow, Rachel Wilkerson Richardson, Melanie E. Spire and Tabetha D. Willis.Walnut Grove: Nathan Busby.

DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average:

Brandon: Tiffany Jane Simmons. Carthage: Kimberly S. Alford, Ginger Britt, Alicia Margaret Campbell, Birgit Kaiser Cobb, Kenneth R. Ellis, Melissa Evans, John Derek Freeny, Somer K. Gilmer, Jessica R. Grimes, Andrew J. Henry, Christen A. Herrington, Crystal Howell, Joshua Jenkins, Jensen Jones, Patricia Ann Machart, Paul Melvin McCaughn, Jessica L. McMahen, Jolena Davidson Morris, Megan A. Morrison, Amanda Nazary, Natasha R. Phillips, Darlene Adams Pickle, Amy R. Rawson, Kenneth Robinson, Lana Rogers, Kimberly N. Stone and Kristen

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Clark, Hillary Dawn Cotten, Kristen E. Gardner, Bethany L. Garrison, Danny C. Gressett, Matthew A. Harris, Whitney Leigh Harris, Dinah Rebekah Howell, Chris D. Jordan, Dana Carole Massey, Summer L. Measell, Jacob A. Pierce, Jeremy B. Stevens, William Brent Sutphin and Roy Thomas Walters, Jr. Enterprise: Lance S. Melton and Joseph Harold Stockman. Ethel: Kelly M. Carlisle. Florence: William K. Brake. Forest: Mary Amanda Alford, Lauren Amanda Allen, Lewis Burklan Bradford, Jessica N. Brooks, Casey Lane Chambers, Angela Latrice Cooks, Jeffery C. Cooper, Stephen Jaimell Goodlow, Eric D. Gunn, Brandi Jones Harvey, Audie G. Havard, Charlie G. Henry, Brett J. Hollingsworth, Susie Ann Johnson, Allison L. Latham, Tekeyla Lyles, LaToya Vurnet McClendon, Jennifer L. Robinson, Mitzi K. Rogers, Natalie Marie Tanksley, Josh Tillman, Adam Joseph Wall, Jessie G. Warren and Jeremy Lance Wooten. Hickory: Jared C. Cook, Cathie Marie Griffith, David M. Thorne, Deborah Airhart Walker, Johnny Howard Walker, Richard A. Walker and Damein L. Wash. Hillsboro: Henrietta Boone Brown. Lake: Odena S. Cox, Willey Aaron Johnston, Presttee W. Robinson, Jennifer Savell, Paula E. Tadlock, Cassandra Wolfe Wilson and Jason M. Wooten. Lawrence: Daphney Hillman Bates, Curtis Blackburn, Yolanda Deleria Jackson and Chris Williams. Lena: Sue Chermault, Jenny Hall, Laura Lindsay Johnson and Adam L. Latham. Little Rock: Lizzie Michael Alexander, Nathan Ryan Chaney, Andrew C. Randolph and Brooke Arthur. Lorena: Kimberly Kay Chaney, Melinda Bobby Cox and Christy A. Gaddis. Morton: Crystal, Wade T. Collins, Jennifer Cooper, Jessica Walker Saint Clair, Nathan Christopher Clark, Jessica Gail Clement, Cara Dawn Jennifer Sue Flynn, Tonya Gay, Jacob T. Hall, William Christopher Alexander W. Shepard. Shubuta: Ethel L. Dubose. Star: James Cowart. Union: Monica L. Allen, Jennifer A. Belk, Kevin R. Belk, Christina Boykin Blount, Rebecca Germany, Katy L. McBeath, Deedra Gray Munn, Aletha Michelle Shaw, Kurt Anson Stockstill, Natalie Tillman, Krystal Dawn Townsend, Kimberly Renay Trotter, Leslie Vance and Pamela Winstead.Vicksburg: Juan Ruiz.Wallnut Grove: Mary A. Lathem, Linda McKelvey Moody, Vickie L. Powe and Brandy Spears.Wesson: Adam Donald Costilow.Daphne, AL: Ramon B. Williams. Ft. Walton Beach, FL: Brian David Zbydniewski.New Market, MD: Erica Geraldine Bender.

HONORABLE MENTION

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

Bay Springs: Charles Alexander Hall. Brandon: Emily N. Burnham. Brooksville: Julie Anne Temkovits. Carthage: James J. Atchley, Jennifer M. Beckham, Jessica Brumfield, Kimberly Michelle Coghlan, Lori Cumberland, Jennifer Belk Eanes, Adrienne K. Flowers, Larissia Wilcher Goss, Dewonna Maria Grayson, Kimberly D. Griffin, Donald Bruce Harmon, Jamie Rochelle Jenkins, Alma Criddle Jolly, Dee Jolly, Krystol Y. McCool, Stephanie Sones Mills, Chassidy W. Minshew, Jon Mooney, Michael Moore, Candace Mullen, Dentor C. Nettles, William Joseph Page, Jewett Dewayne Perkins, John E. Petty, Betty J. Robinson, Jenna Sim, Jenna Evans Sim, Dusty Vowell, Andrew E. Walker and Lamarcus Lafleur Wilder. Chunky: Andrew L. Cooley, James S. Cox, Jace Gaddis, Emily and Crystal A. Reynolds-Collins, Timothy R. Byrd.Collinsville: Jason Kelly Allred, Nora J. Autman, Cassie Lashon Cornell, Billy Mack Kimrel and Kenneth C. Pierce. Conehatta: Marquis Trevion Coggins, Linda Ann Patrick, Kim Stallings Ball, Brandy Belle Colter, Courtney C. Cummins, Robert Eaves, Robert L. Finch, Cynthia M. Fleming, Miranda Y. Ford, Jacob Fulton, Stephanie Gillett, Kristy Clay Gillis, Cylesha Hardin, Tyler Harris, Kayla L. Jernigan, Kelli E. Linch, Ray Mayo, Rose Steele Miller, Desiree L. Parker, Tara K. Phillips, Dishan Prior, James T. Rogers, Johnnie Goss Seward, Rachel G. Smith, Cory F. Stanton, Allison Paige Sullivan, Cortney J. Sullivan, Justin Thompson, Katy D. Thompson, Arrion V. Triplett, Linda Cooper Triplett, Takeisha N. Triplett, Nathan Curtis Trosper, Miranda Kitchens Watson, Miranda R. Welch, Faith H. Whitfield and Charles B. Wood. Ludlow: Montrail Lee and Lamarrio C. Mapp. Madden: Kristol Brooke Bryan and Chad Crowe. McCool: Kendrick Theron Dawkins. Meridian: Lottie Woulard Arrington, Angela Goodwin Betts, Sherry Wright Clark, Karen Brandi Robinson, Tammy Skinner and Christopher D. Thomas. Morton: Stephen T. Babb, Jonathan W. Bates, Teresa McCurdy Cager, Frederick Dean Denson, Tammy Fayne Faulkner, Joshua G. Hall, Amanda R. Layton, Janice M. McCullough, William Robert Page, Herman Dewitt Warren, Whitney Westberry, Amanda L. Winters and Ruth Phillipson Wood. Newton: Colt Collins, Chris Comans, Leslie Crenshaw, Stacey L. Davis, Amanda Nickole Dean, D'ante Maurice English, Shalytha Payne Evans, Jason E. Frith, Lacamyer Hester, Billy Johnson, Malithia Shonte Jones, Martha McWhorter Mangum, Denise Hillman Mitchell, Stewart T. Payne, Sharon N. Payne, Virginia Robinson, Lindsey Carter Shaw, Myriam Romero N. Cruz, Melinda Posey Walker, C. Lynne Walker, Melissa Williamson, April Wilson and Cal Lee Wilson. Newspaper: Martha Boswell, Chris M. Byrd, Kimberly W. Cook, Kristen L. Pennington and Jerry A. Wilson. Pearl: Victoria LaNeer Nelson. Philadelphia: William Andrew Moore. Philadelphia: Matthew

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Wesley Nathaniel Loyd, John A. McAdory, Kimberly Diane McAdory, Vera Harrington McDonald, Jonathan Richard McMillin, Cody Reed, Christa Haynes Robinson, Kristin Rainey Swindle, Amanda D. Thompson and Wesley Wright.McCool: Kevin Carter.Meridian: Eric M. Bland, Tiffany L. Chancellor, Courtney L. Graham, Brandy Michelle Harris, Leigh Ann Morrow and James Andrew Murphy. Morton: Gregory T. Butler, Amanda L. Denson, Jeffery Paul Denson, Kenny Gomillion, Stacie L. Gordon, Cynthia A. Jolly, Adam C. McCurdy, Tracy Beavers Sanford, Matthew L. Smith, Haley L. Wolgamier and Gary A. Wyatt. New Albany: Brooke S. Land, Newton: Lindsey Nicole Bridges, Emily Stoebeck Costilow, Jennifer N. Cucheris, John Edward Frith Jr., Aparna Niranjangiri Goswami, Vimukti Niranjangiri Goswami, Haylee Holden Haralson, Kyle Prentiss James, Ashley Jones, Richard Curtis Lancaster, Megan E. Logan, Truitt Martin Pace, Benjamin Casie Page, Connie L. Thornton, Victoria C. Tijerina, Morgan J. Walker, Katherine D. Windham, Katrina Wise and James Steven Youngblood. Noxapater: Julienne N. Collins, Ashley L. Holdiness and Carla Jean Rushing. Pachuta: Leann Eddins. Pelahatchie: Jeff D. Stuart. Philadelphia: Jennifer M. Bane, Jamie Heflin Bassett, Miranda C. Baumunk, Heather L. Brantley, Kenji K. Brown, Kerri D. Burks, Maranda L. Burks, Mandy R. Calecas, Aaron F. Chunn, Latisha Clark Chunn, Amanda Watkins Coghlan, Victoria Ann Daniels, James Leonard Duncan, Sarah N. Duncan, Christy LeAnn Fedrick, Ava Watkins Files, Lorenzo Griffin, Melody M. Griffin, Mary Margaret Irons, Alanna Johnson, Kathy S. Jones, Brian P. Lillis, William Mars, Caleb E. May, Elizabeth Dupree Moore, Erin Thrash Nowell, Jessica R. Sistrunk, Laura M. Sistrunk, Latahua Carter Sledge, Catherine R. Timm, Erica D. Tullos, Ashley Vines, Jennifer B. Walker, Kelly B. Walker, Jennifer Watkins, Melissa D. Willis and Bonnie W. Witcher. Preston: Kyle A. Miller and William Joshua Weaver. Pulaski: Kathy Rock Harrison, Aimee Elizabeth McLaurin and Brandy C. Richardson. Raymond: Heather Dawn Cheesman. Sebastopol: Thomas, Terrance Williamson and Kristen L. Willis. Corinth: William Nathaniel Alexander and Corey McGee Kemp. Decatur: Karen L. Adams, Jackie D. Avant, Natalie Black, Christopher T. Carson, Lindsey Cheatham, Kody Comans, Michael L. Cotton, Candy R. Gibson, Roy Green, Melvin Thomas Hodges, LaTonya Annikia Hoye, Jennifer A. Pace, Matthew L. Purvis, Ricardo Robinson, Michael Parkes Roland, Sonji Thomas Rose, Brandi Stamper Smith, Matthew Wayne Smith, Thomas Scott Walton, Stacey Mann York and Claudia Zynosky-Sharpling. Forest: Dwayne Anderson, Chad T. Austin, William C. Barber, Ashley N. Brown, Nurja E. Bryant, Sharon A. Burks, Todd Christopher Butler, Krystin D. Cahoon, Misty Tashina Clark, Joshua D. Cooper, Kimberley LaClere DeBoer, Jennifer M. Emmons, Erica L. Hall, Heather Lauren Hanks, Susan Marie Harris, Cory Hayes, Jonathan Andrew Huff, Daniel P. Kennedy, Deborah Lang, Andrew L. Latham, Laura L. McMillan, April Ormond, Erica Ramage Riser, Rusty Russell, JoAn McCraw Shelley, Shanda Felina Shepard, Colin D. Smith, Kristie Spivey, Trilandra L. Ware, Donna Hutchinson Wedgeworth, Virginia K. Wolf and Freddie Woods.Hickory: Bryant S. Boulton, April S. Bufkin, Pamela C. Clemons, Keith A. Curry, Melissa C. Johnson, Michael C. Johnson, Anthony J. McMillan, Janice Sessions Sadler, Jennifer Strebeck, Samantha A. Styburski, Kristie Latoya Temple, Devona Nicole Thomas and Brenda M. Todd. Jackson: Heather Perry. Kosciusko: Jessica L. Brock and Heidi Wallen. Lake: Jennifer N. Hunt, Jenne White McElhenney, Timothy Morgan, George Jeffery Parks, Shannon Michelle Towner and Becky Posey Wolf. Lawrence: Lucas Carr, Kasey L. McMillan, Jeffrey Scott Pates and Laura Shook. Lena: Paul Ford, Linda Marie Hamilton, Dennis D. Harris, Randolph Jason King, Richie Z. Lewis and Michael Darnell Townsend. Little Rock: Kyle B. Chaney, Jeremy M. Jones and Tanya Dearman Oliver. Louin: April Sims Goodson and Rebecca Ross. Louisville: Bradie L. Aman, Cynthia Cobb Ball, Steven Corey Blackwell, Marcus L. Coburn, Shundrieka S. Allen Baldridge, Jennie Battle, Melinda Marie Ben, Dustin Boswell, Brandi Anthony Brewer, Felisa Griffin Burnside, Colt Stuart Callahan, Ashley Conn Carter, Hope Posey Chunn, Denitra Cole, Ella Mae King Crocker, Carrie Cumberland, Stephen Roy Curtis, Derek W. Dunn, Raquel Elaine Farmer, Jonathan Griffin, Krystal Beckham Griffin, Adrienne N. Holmes, Monica Renee Isaac, Jason G. Jones, Kevin Michael Langley, Natasha Hardy Lewis, Willie Patrick Macon, Ryan McCann, Jeremy W. McNair, Lavisa Moore, Susan Leanne Moore, Trinity Morris, Shirley Norris Nash, Lacey Jo Nelson, Barry C. Nowell, Ashley L. Ogletree, Nina Roach, Michael D. Robertson, Robert D. Rush, Kenny Carter Rush, Mary Shannon, Carrie E. Strock, Heather Barrett Strait, Melissa Moore Tindol, Joseph Byron Tullos, Shayla Kellianne Vaughn, Lindsey Williams and Jonni D. Wilson.Preston: Derick Jerome Donald, Travis T. Madison and Cristina L. Shackelford.Pulaski: Brandie Black, Tiffany N. Jones and Stacy L. Neese. Raleigh: Heather Westbrook. Rose Hill: Kristin N. Harris. Sebastopol: Joe Scott Breedlove. Stonewall: Natalie Renee Chapman. Union: Debra Knight Agent, Deborah Ruddick Blais, Travis Boone, Amy Duncan Burgin, Emily Chesney, Jessica Crenshaw, Justin Carby, Christopher L. Gordon, Tommy Lee Hollingsworth, Sandy Keene, Hayley Cheatham Knight, Robin Leach, Heather Rosanna Lewis, Lindsay S. McDaniel, Aaron McElfish, Teresa Renee Parker, Bruce W. Sharp, Kelly

Smith Sperandeo, Krissy M. Thornton, Timothy Warren and Kittie C. Wilson.Walnut Grove: James E. Denson, Ardria Harris, Kathleen Moore Hogue, Laura J. Mills and Joshua S. Turner. Carencro, LA: Michael Ray Kulbeth. Fayetteville, AR: Ishmail Middleton. Florence, AL: Daniel Haynes. Hueytown, AL: Travares A. Osley. Memphis, TN: Angela Ellen Holmes. Northport, AL: Kenneth Aaron Hurt. Trafford, AL: Howard Joseph Holcomb. Troy, AL: James K. Stephens. Tuscaloosa, AL: Christopher S. Allen.

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Receive ECCC 'best dancers' awards

East Central Community College students who were named best dancers for their roles during the EC Players' musical production of "Footloose" included (from left) Megan Morrison of Edinburg and Adam Mann of Philadelphia, best dance couple; Shanna Travis of Crystal Springs, best female dancer; and Ricardo Robinson of Decatur, best male dancer. Students were honored during the group's annual awards banquet, which was held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Awards were presented by Regina Rigby of Forest, who served as director.

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Receives Vowell Scholarship- Jeffrey Brantley (left), a 2002 graduate of Scott Central High School, was recently presented the Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The Vowell Scholarship was established in 1993 by Mr. and Mrs. Vowell's children. The outstanding student is shown with family representatives Sylvia Vowell (center) and Natalie Vowell Hatcher (right) following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

Receives Bank of Forest Scholarship- Mandy Revette (left), a 2002 graduate of Lake High School, is this year's recipient of the Bank of Forest Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with Christi Lee Lewis, ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director. The award presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

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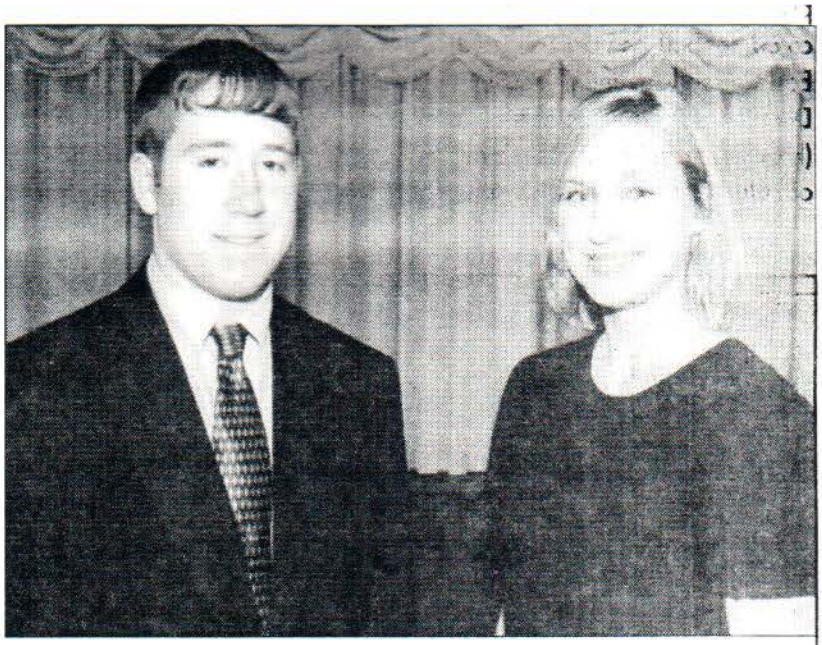

Blount Scholarship Recipient- Jonathan Sigrest, a 2002 graduate of Scott Central High School, is this year's recipient of the Clayton Blount Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with Christi Lee Lewis, ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Former players of Coach Blount established the scholarship in honor of the longtime ECCC staff member.

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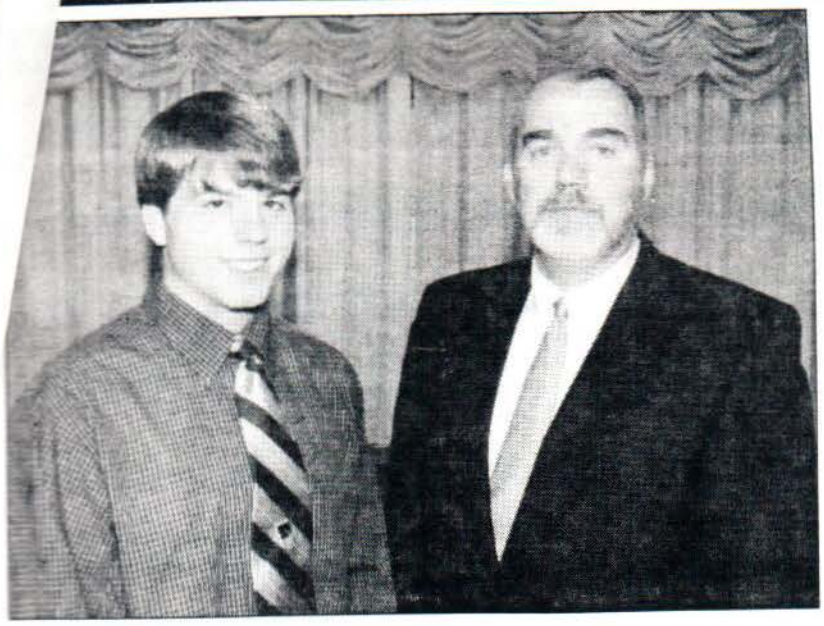
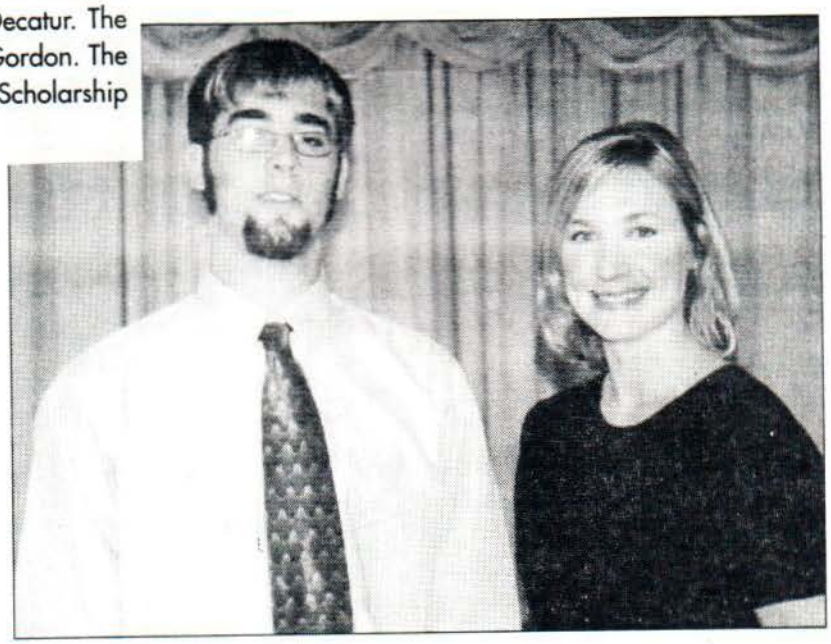


Bank of Morton Scholarship Recipient - Ryan Meeks, a 2002 graduate of Morton High School, is this year's recipient of the Bank of Morton Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with bank representative Ken Gordon. The award presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon.



Receives White Scholarship- Scott Central High School graduate Amon Shelley (left) is the 2002 recipient of the J.C. White Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The scholarship was established in 2000 to honor the memory of J.C. White, ECCC Class of 1937. The outstanding student with ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director Christi Lee Lewis following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Hutchison Scholarship Recipient

Jessica Nester of Lake is this year's recipient of the Myrtle R. Hutchison Scholarship, which is presented to a returning member of the Student Education Association at East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The scholarship is provided by the former Mrytle R. Fikes, a native of Lake.

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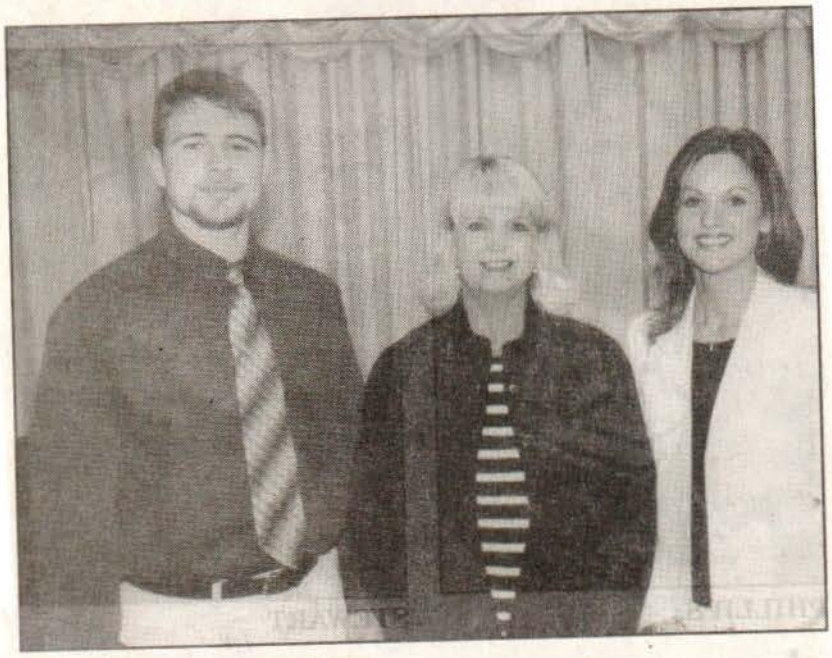

Bank scholarship

Jason Vasquez, a 2002 graduate of Carthage High School, is this year's recipient of the Carthage Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with bank representatives Yolanda Wooten (center) and Ashley Powers. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Established in 1992, the scholarship is presented to a graduating senior from Leake County.

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ATCO scholarship

Monica Sanders, a 2002 graduate of South Leake High School, is this year's recipient of the ATCO Loan Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with company representative James McRae, who established the scholarshp for South Leake graduates in 1995. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

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Receive Harrison Memorial Scholarships ~ Newton County High School graduates (from left) Luke Howell and Allison Gressett are the 2002 recipients of the Harrison Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The Harrison Scholarship was established by friends of Ricky and Janean Harrison to honor their children, Crystal and C.J., who were killed in a car accident in 1993. The outstanding students are shown with the Rev. Byron Howell (right), pastor of Beulah Baptist Church.

Receives ECCC Board of Trustees Scholarship ~ Eric Madden, a 2002 graduate of Sebastopol High School, is this year's recipient of an annual scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur, which is provided by the College's Board of Trustees. The outstanding student is shown with Christi Lee Lewis, ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director.

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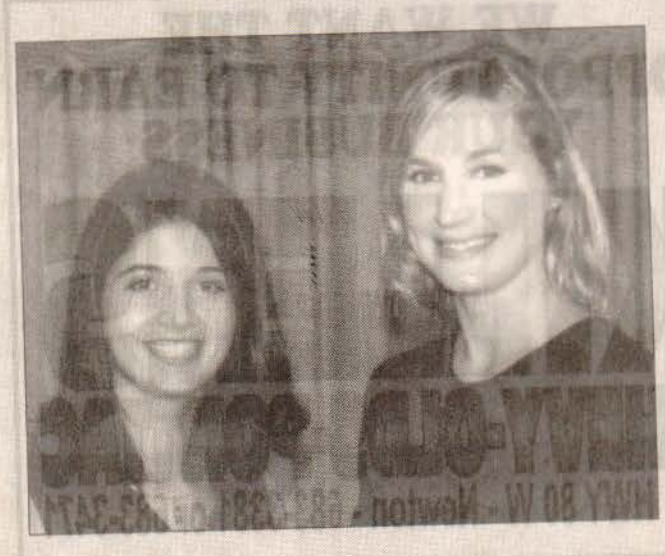
Receives Mayes Scholarship ~ Melissa Estes (left) a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The Mayes Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the memory of Rudolph Mayes who taught English at the College for 28 years. The award was presented by Mr. Mayes' daughter, Jackie Etie (center), and her husband, Sid (right).



Receives Pace Scholarship ~ Newton County High School graduate Blair Anderson (left) is the 2002 recipient of the Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. This scholarship was established in 1997 by the family of Polk and Jennie Pace in memory of Lawrence Polk Pace who attended East Central in 1929. The outstanding student is shown with ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director Christi Lee Lewis.

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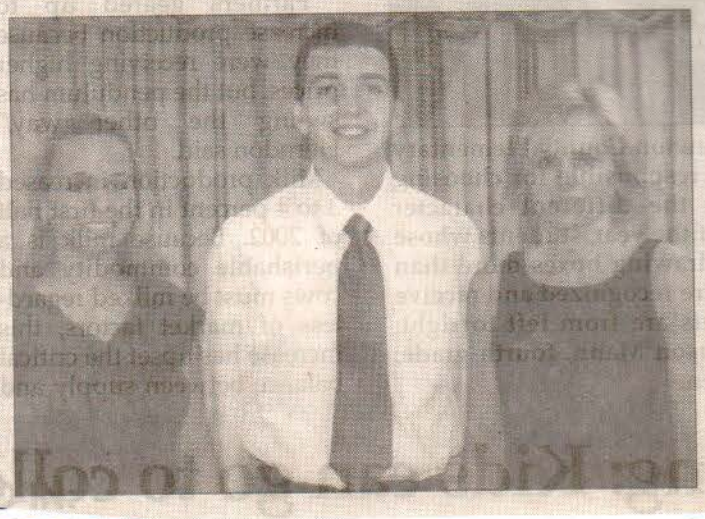
Receives Leatherwood Scholarship ~ Charlene Foreman of Little Rock is this year's recipient of the Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Scholarship, which is presented by the science department faculty at East Central Community College to an outstanding returning sophomore. Foreman, a graduate of Newton County High School, is shown with family representative Frank Leatherwood. Family members and friends established the scholarship in memory of the

Receives Alumni Scholarship ~ Jennifer Carson (left), a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, was recently presented an EC Scholars Scholarship sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association. The EC Scholars program was established in 1999 and is supported by individuals, businesses and groups. Recipients must be in the top 10 percent of their class. The outstanding student is shown with Stacey Hollingsworth (right), administrative assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations



Receive La-Z-Boy Scholarships ~ Amanda Wyatt (left), a 2002 graduate of Newton County Academy, and Luke McNair (second, from left), a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, were the recipients of the annual La-Z-Boy South Scholarships to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students are shown wtih ECCC academic counselor Lanette Hanna.

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Receives Thomas scholarship

Mandy Eakes, a 2002 graduate of Philadelphia High School, is this year's recipient of the Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The Thomas family established the scholarship in 1997 for a graduate of Philadelphia High School.

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Lashandrie Luckett (left) of Carthage and Latoya Moore of Noxapater are this year's recipients of the annual Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students are shown with Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor. The award presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Established in 1996 by the state association of supervisors, the scholarships are presented each year on a rotating basis to two students residing in the College's five-county district. (EC Photo)

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Lacy Sanborn (left), a 2002 graduate of Noxapater High School, is this year's recipient of the Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with Tracy Dearing, Student Services staff member. The award presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The Vincent Scholarship was established in 1999 in recognition of the former ECCC President and First Lady who served the College from 1953-62. (EC Photo)

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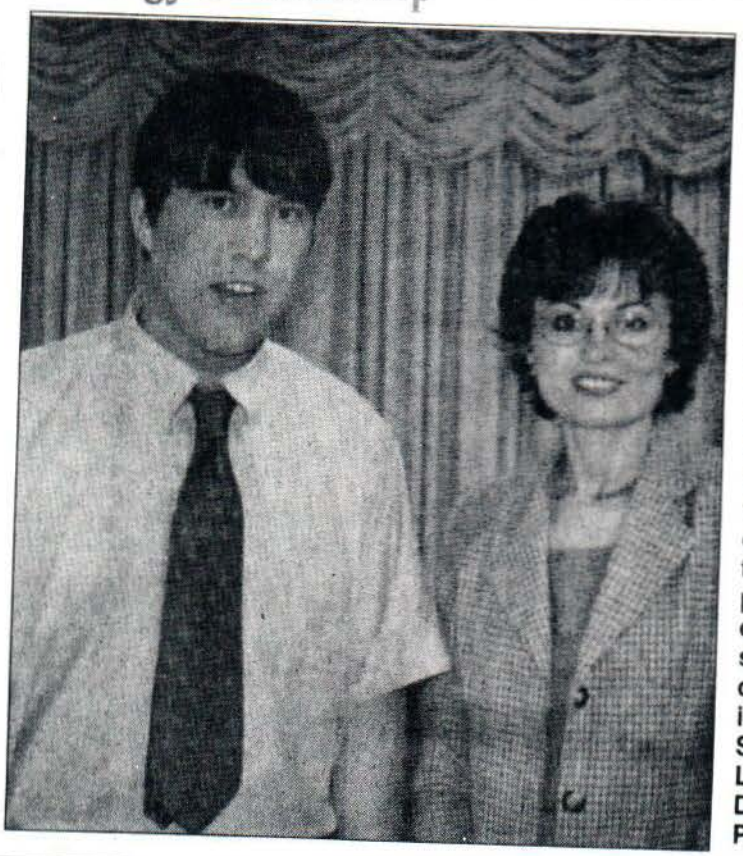

Christopher Clark (left), a 2002 graduate of Louisville High School, was recently presented the Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Excellence in Education Scholarship for Vocational and Technical Students to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Established in 2001, this scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-trained workforce to the future economic success of Mississippi and the role that community colleges play in this success. The outstanding student is shown with company official Bobbie Barrett following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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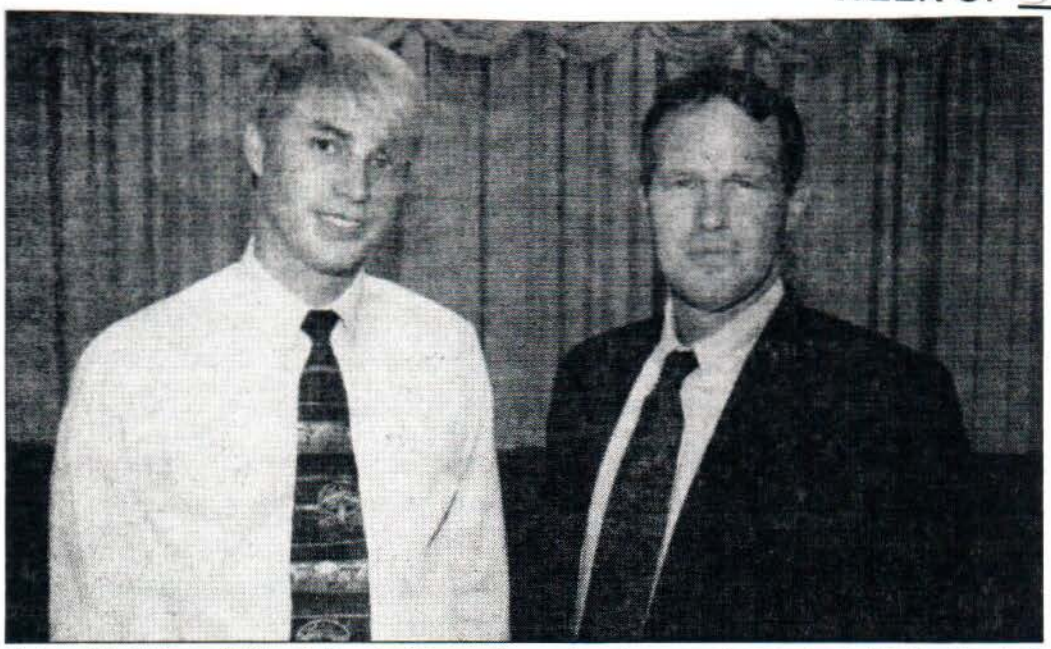

Adam McAdory (left) of Louisville and a returning sophomore at East Central Community College, was presented the R. G. Fick Scholarship at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor, is shown with the outstanding student following the awards presentation. Mr. Fick's wife, Gerri, and son Leonard, established the scholarship in memory of the longtime ECCC faculty member. (EC Photo)

ECCC picks up awards at CPRAM meeting

Publications produced by the Public Information Office at East Central Community College in Decatur were award-winners at the annual meeting of the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) held in Biloxi.

The College's alumni magazine, The Warrior, placed second in competition with the state's 14 other community and junior colleges, and the campus newsletter, The EC Express received a third-place award.

The Warrior is published in the fall and spring semesters and is mailed to 8,500 alumni and friends of the College. Three issues of The EC Express are published annually and sent to seniors and juniors in the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

Awards were also presented to Bubb Johnston, vice president for public info mation, and Maria McLeod, assistan Johnston won second place for his fe ture story titled, "For Thomas Clark, L Really Does Begin at 40!"

McLeod received a first-place award her news article, "ECCC Is On the M

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Receive ECCC drama awards

Acting awards were presented to these East Central Community College students for their roles during the EC Players' musical production of "Footloose." Students were honored during the group's annual awards banquet, which was held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Jennifer Savell of Lake, most improved actress; Jeanette Robinson of Edinburg, best female newcomer; Jeremy Carson of Decatur, most promising future actor; Julie Weaver of Sebastopol, best understudy; and Lisa Chamblee of Carthage, most dedicated; and (standing from left) Krystal Moore of Philadelphia, best vocal cameo; Adam Mann of Philadelphia, director's choice for best scene stealer; Tom Clark of Decatur, best double role; Terrance Williamson of Conehatta, most dependable cast member; Casey Smith of Louisville, most improved actor; Joshua Ray of Walnut Grove, best male newcomer; Bill Cole of Union, director's choice for best scene stealer; Caleb Cook of Hickory, best vocal performance; and Laura Shook of Newton, best acting cameo. Awards were presented by Regina Rigby of Forest, who served as director.

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ECCC vocational award recipients

These East Central Community College students received vocational honors during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Kimberly Hull of Meridian, cometology; and Kevin Carter of McCool and Drew Walters of Louin, welding and cutting; and (standing from left) Jamie Blackburn of Decatur, licensed practical nursing, and Kathy Hogue of Walnut Grove, "Vocational Student of the Year." Not pictured are Sharonne Cooper of Louisville and Kenny Gomillion of Morton, cabinetmaking; and Nathan Busby of Walnut Grove, carpentry.

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Nanih Waiya graduates Brandon Walker (left) and Christopher Moody (center) talk with Brent Gregory, Director of Student Life, during East Central Community College Honors Orientation held Friday, May 31, on the Decatur campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn about campus life at East Central and the many social and personal opportunitites available. Additional sessions will be held Saturday, June 15; Thursday, June 27; Wednesday, July 10; and Saturday, August 3. For more information contact the Vice President for Student Services' Office, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222). (EC Photo)

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These East Central Community College students received top honors in the state Phi Beta Lambda Contest. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jenney McElhenney of Lake, first, computer concepts; and Terrance Williams of Conehatta, second, telecommunications; (second row, from left) Brandi Harvey of Forest, third, medical terminology; Jeanette Robinson of Edinburg, third, word processing; Lee Ann Terrell of Union, third, hospitality management; Heather Kennedy of Philadelphia, third, multimedia; and Danielle Goss of Carthage, third, multimedia; and (back row, from left) Marty Pace of Newton, third, information management; and Jerry Hamm of Lake, third, business principles. McElhenney and Williams will advance to national competition, which will be held June 23-26 in Nashville, TN.

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Complete Basic Electricity Course

These students recently completed a 30-hour course in Basic Electricity provided in the Productivity Enhancement Lab at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated from left are Donell Boler of Philadelphia, Monty Norman of Newton, Scott Moody of Philadelphia and Raymond Johnson of Newton. Standing from left are James French of Noxapater, Don Johnson, Jimmy Shannon and Danny Williamson, all of Philadelphia, and instructor Blake Warren of Sebastopol. Warren also serves as Lab coordinator/trainer. For information on the various classes available for area businesses and industries at the Productivity Enhancement Lab contact Roger Whitlock, director of the college's Workforce Development Center, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 299. His email address is rwhitlock@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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ECCC Coed Softball Tourney Runners-Up-"Nappy Roots" placed second in the intramural co-ed softball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (kneeling from left) Derrell Laymom of Quitman, Latoria Payton of Ludlow, Natasha Foster of Philadelophia, Anthony Stephens of Carthage, Lekendrick Fortune of Walnut Grove and Kasey Kennedy of Forest. Standing from left are Eric Bland of Meridian, Tyeasha Denson of Ludlow, Marcus Jones of Forest, Larry Johnson of Walnut Grove, Gary Graham of Noxapater, Reggie Cistrunk of Louisville and Pooh Woods of Walnut Grove. Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program.

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Computer class participants

These students recently completed a course in Microsoft Excel offered by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur and held at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of the College. Seated from left are Gina Bell of Philadelphia, Amber Lathem of Sebastopol, and Keyla Carney, Lynn Hartsell and Rose Callahan, all of Philadelphia. Standing from left are Jan Fulton (instructor) of Philadelphia, Jeff McCoy of DeKalb, Scott Lathem of Sebastopol, Billy Thompson and Sonya Jones, both of Carthage; Cortney Fulton of Philadelphia and Doris Bell of Carthage. Not pictured are Renee Grimes of Carthage and Juanita Hawthorn of Philadelphia. For information contact Roger Whitlock, Workforce Development Center director, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 299. His email address is rwhitlock@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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East Central holds Commencement Exercises

East Central to Hold Commencement Exercises May 10 Diplomas were presented to approximately 435 graduates on Friday, May 10, when East Central Community College holds its 73rd commencement exercises beginning at 8 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

Approximately 360 students are candidates for graduation, while the remaining number represents those who completed degree requirements following the 2001 summer and fall terms, according to Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction.

Graduating sophomore Lana Rogers of Carthage will deliver the commencement address. Rogers, a music education major with piano emphasis, is a President's List Scholar and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Second Team. She was presented the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award and the Distinguished Regional Officer Award during the Honor Society's International Convention. She was also named to the 2002 East Central Community College Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College.

Rebecca Germany of Union, who is also a member of the Class of 2002, will provide special music. Germany, whose major is music education with a vocal emphasis, will sing "What Tomorrow Brings." She is a President's List Scholar and president of Phi Theta Kappa.

Other graduating sophomores selected to participate in the commencement program include Matt Davis of Decatur, invocation, and Kathy Jones of Philadelphia, benediction. Davis, an engineering major, is a President's List scholar and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All Mississippi Academic First Team. He was named the College's HEADWAE (Higher Eduation Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) and was recently inducted into the College's 2002 Hall of Fame. Jones is a member of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band and the ECCC Gospel Choir.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin will award degrees and certificates to the following:

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Brenda L. Cook, Chanteau Harris McFadden, Jessica McMahen, Jon Mooney, Jolena Morris, Megan Morrison, Kenneth W. Robinson, Lana Lorraine Rogers, Valarie Sam, Jenna Sims, Dusty Vowell and Rusty L. Vowell, all of Carthage;Kimberley Ann Culpepper, Jane Marie Goodin Eaves, Mandi Bay Johnston and Crystal A. Reynolds, all of Chunky;Dwight Agee, Collins;Kenneth C. Penson and Jackie S. Woodard, both of Collinsville; Christine Billy and Jonathan Renner Jackson, both of Conehatta; Hayden Corey Amis, Maxwell Tyler Anderson, Natalie Christina Black, Thomas F. Clark, Alan Coats, Cedric Cotton, Aaron Matthew Davis, John Edward Frith Jr., Roy Green, Danny C. Gressett, Jason Brian Guraedy, LaTonya Hoye, Kirkland Thomas Johnston, Christopher Jordan, Keri Keith, Krystol Yvonne McCool, Rachel Milling, Jennifer Alisa Pace, Charles Daniel Pearce, Jacob Austin Pierce, Cynthia Ray, Matt Reeves, Sonji Thomas Rose, Jeremy Brent Stevens, Laura Denise Sumner and William Brent Sutphin, all of Decatur;Brandi Nicole Bounds, DeKalb; Daniel M. Benefield and Christina Shinquella Ford, both of Enterprise; Kelly Michelle Carlisle and Wesley F. Carlisle, both of Ethel; Lauren Amanda Allen, Chad Austin, Lewis Bradford, Lisa Richmond Brantley, Jessica N. Brooks, Ashley Natasha Brown, Sharon Shanielle Burks, Jeffery C. Cooper, Latosha Necole Derricks, Jennifer Emmons, Susan Harris, Brandi Jones Harvey, Audie Hayard Brett Jason Thompson, Katy Thompson, Takeis Nikkol Triplett, Nathan Trosp Miranda Welch and Evelyn Yarbrou all of Louisville;Kristol Brooke Bry and Chad Williams Crowe, both Madden;Kevin Carter, Tam McQuirler Davis and Kendri Dawkins, all of McCool;Brian Buck Tiffany Chancellor, Sherry D. Cla Courtney Graham, Linda Renae Ir Leigh Ann Morrow, James Andr Murphy and Chris Thomas, all Meridian;Rheannan Jolena Cra Penny Wilcher Easterling, Rachel George, Angela L. Hayman, Kenne R. McClinton Jr., Adam McCur Matthew Smith, Amanda Winters, Ru Jean Wood and Adam Wyatt, all Morton; Braden Land, New Alba Lindsey Nicole Bridges, Milini Capbell, Chris Comans, Adam Costil Leslie Joellyn Crenshaw, Jennifer Nic Cuchens, Amanda N. Dean, D'a Maurice English, Michael Eva Kristen L. Harris, Antonio Terrell Ho Kyle P. James, Malithia Shaunte Jon April McDowell, Alison Marie Mil Dedria Suzanne Mitchell, Robert Ke Pierce, Blake Revette, Connie Thornton, Tori Tijerina, Aloys Towner, Natalie Marche Tune, Mor Jade Walker, Teon Wilson and Katr Elizabeth Wise, all of Newton;We Barnett, Julienne Nichole Coll Trelisa Eichelberger, Bruce Ellis, Ash L. Holdiness, Tishquia D. Hud Misty M. Nunn, Dana Snow Reyn and Missy Suttle, all

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Complete Pharmacy Technician Course - Above are students who recently completed a Pharmacy Technician course offered by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur and held at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of the College. Seated from left are Rhonda Wilson, instructor, and Scarlett Moore, Kim Hardy and Stacy Staats, all of Philadelphia. Standing from left are Pam Spears, Brenda Nowell and Angie Winstead, all of Philadelphia; Renetia Holloway, of Sebastopol; and Cindy Jenkins, Carthage. Not pictured are Jason Myers of Sebastopol, Jodi Tyree of Newton, Brandi Harrison of Union, and Linda Fisher and Theresa Fanning, both of Philadelphia. For more information contact Tina Harris, basic skills specialist, ECCC Workforce Development Center, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 304. Her email address is tharris@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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Stewart Attends ECCC Orientation

East Central Community College English instructor Patsy Moore (left) is shown assisting Leslie Stewart, a graduate of Scott Central High School, with her fall semester class schedule during Honors Orientation activities held Friday, May 31, on the Decatur campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn about campus life at East Central and the many social and personal opportunitites available. Additional sessions will be held Saturday, June 15; Thursday, June 27; Wednesday, July 10; and Saturday, August 3.

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Attend ECCC Orientation

Scott County students Lorenzo Coley (left) of Morton, Lee Beard (third from left) of East Rankin Academy, and Lee Fairchilds (right) of Morton talk with Christi Lee Lewis, East Central Community College Tech Prep Career Center Director/recruiter during Honors rientation activities held Friday, May 31, on the Decatur campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn about campus life at East Central and the many social and personal opportunitites available. Additional sessions will be held Saturday, June 15; Thursday, June 27; Wednesday, July 10; and Saturday, August 3. For more information contact the Vice President for Student Services' Office, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

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ECCC Spring Art Show

These East Central Community College students received various awards during the Spring Juried Art Show, which was on display during April in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur Campus. Pictured are (from left) Betty Thames of Newton, second for "Scalloped Cuff" in Ceramics-Hand Built; Thomas Walton of Decatur, honorable mention for "Chariots of Fire" in Ceramics-Hand Built; Katrina Wise of Newton, first for "Night Time Blues" and third for "Guraedy's Kitchen," both in Drawing Dry Media; and first for "Too Much Drama," third fo "Flagrant Winds" and honorabl mention for "Jade's Dream," all i Painting; Edgar Bradford of Fores first for "Honey Pot" and honorabl mention for'Big Munchie," both i Ceramics-Thrown Vessels; and firs for "The Happy Bear" and honor able mention for "Shamoo," bot in Sculpture; and Dianne Dougla of Newton, first for "Life" i Ceramics-Hand Built and honor able mention for "Martha" i Painting. Bruce Guraedy and Tod Eldridge serve as instructors.

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Present Percussion Recital at ECCC

East Central Community College students (from left) Andy Murphy of Meridian, Shanna Travis of Crystal Springs, Ricardo Robinson of Decatur and Chad Austin of Forest recently performed a percussion recital in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. All are students of ECCC assistant band director and percussion instructor Jared Brownlee.

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Receives Dallas scholarship

Holly Pierce (center), a 2002 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Fred Preston and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The oustanding student is shown with family members Winifred Dallas Davis (left) and Jo Dallas Hicks following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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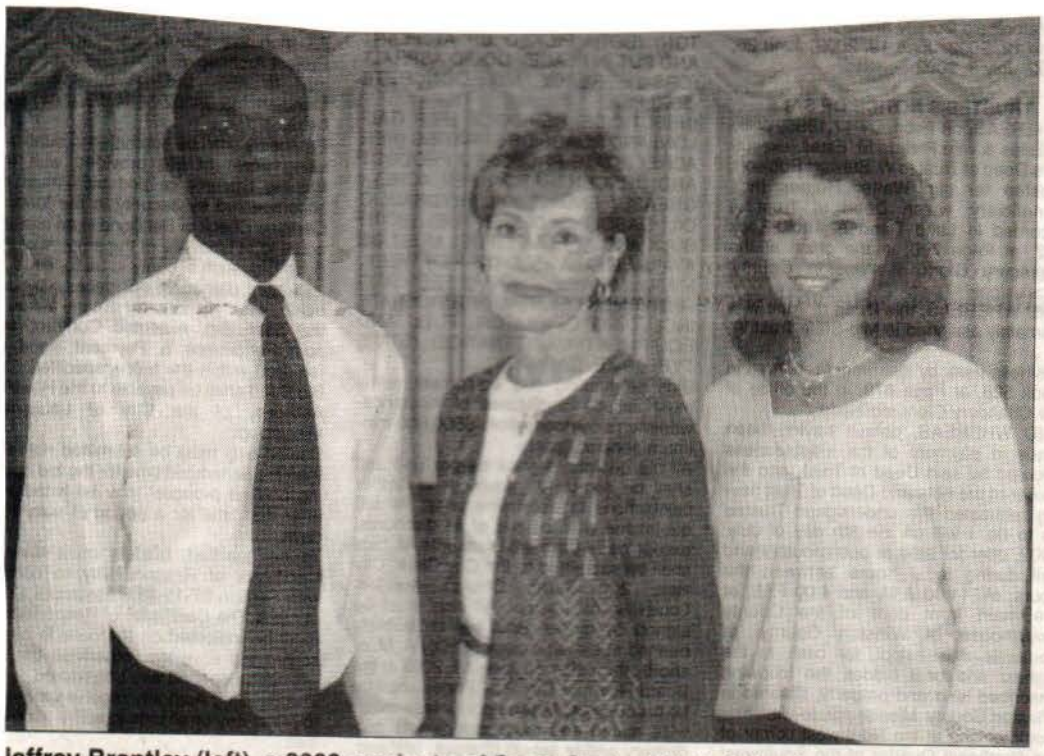

Jeffrey Brantley (left), a 2002 graduate of Scott Central High School, was recently presented the Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The Vowell Scholarship was established in 1993 by Mr. and Mrs. Vowell's children. The outstanding student is shown with family representatives Sylvia Vowell (center) and Natalie Vowell Hatcher (right) following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Hudspeth Scholarships

Amy Warner (center) of Winston Academy is a 2002 recipient of the Hudspeth Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon with Mr. Bubba Hudspeth of Louisville who, along with his wife, Faye, established the award in 1998. At left is the recipient's mother, Pat Warner. (EC Photo)

Eric Nowell (center) of Winston Academy is a 2002 recipient of the Hudspeth Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon with Mr. Bubba Hudspeth of Louisville who, along with his wife, Faye, established the award in 1998. At left is the recipient's mother, Debra Nowell. (EC Photo)

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Receives Beemon Scholarship ~ Joseph Charlton, a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of the T.T. Beemon Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with Christi Lee Lewis, ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director. Mr. Beemon, a 1937 ECCC graduate, and his wife, the former Mary Emma Fancher, established the scholarship, which was endowed in 2001.

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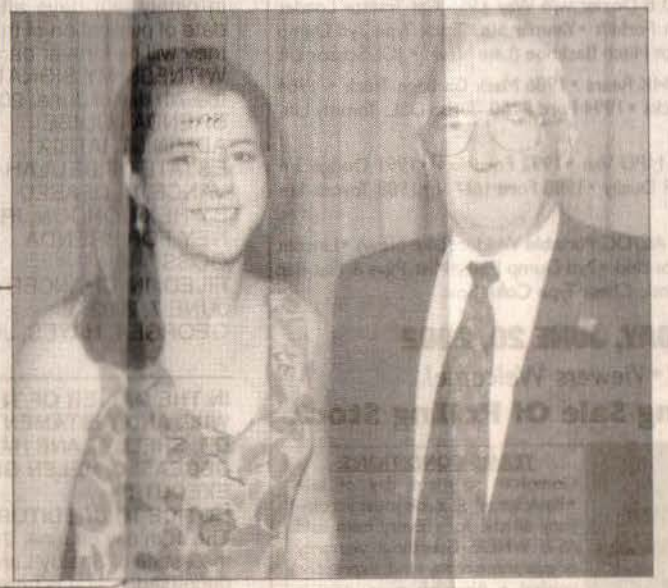

Receives Citizens Bank Scholarship ~ Kery McDill, a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship to attend East Central. The outstanding student is shown with Kenneth Jones, president of the Bank's Decatur branch.

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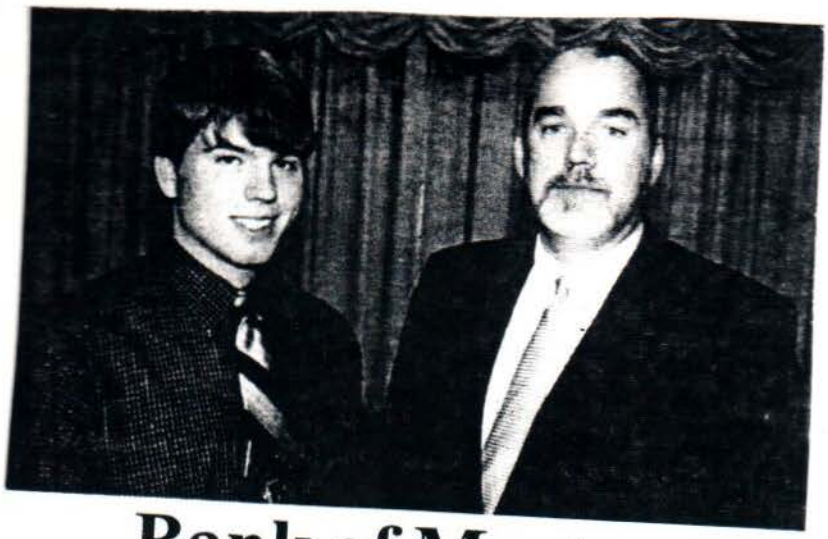

Bank of Morton Scholarship Recipient

Ryan Meeks, a 2002 graduate of Morton High School, is this year's recipient of the Bank of Morton Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with bank representative Ken Gordon. The award presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. (EC Photo)

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Pianist participate in ECCC Piano Festival

Jessica Nester of Lake is this year's recipient of the Myrtle R. Hutchisor Scholarship, which is presented to a returning member of the Student Educatior Association at East Central Community College in Decatur.The outstanding student is shown with Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The scholarship is provided by the former Myrtle R. Fikes, a native of Lake. Nester is the wife of Matthew Nester and is originally from Decatur.

Two young Forest pianist recently participated in a piano festival at ECCC. Pictured above are Trevor Harrell and Kaomi Hashimoto with Leesa Wilkinson keyboard theory instructor. Both students received all superior ratings.

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ECCC orientation Thursday

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Holbrook Scholarship

Bridget Worthy of Louisville is the recipient of the 2002 Jane R. Holbrook Heart and Hand Gerontology Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. A non-profit organization that promotes programs and services for senior citizens, Heart and Hand, Inc., established this scholarship in 1999. She is pictured with Heart and Hand executive director, Yvonne Gallaher Laird (right) following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Caleb Cook Places in vocal Competition

East Central Community College sophomore Caleb Cook of Hickory placed third overall in the National Association of Teachers of Singing vocal competition held recently at Delta State University.

Cook, a vocal performance major, competed against other sophomore men from the states' universities, four-year colleges and community colleges.

Ross Price, ECCC vocal music instructor and director of the chorale, said, "We are very proud of Caleb. This competition is very prestigious and is all about singing. Students stand in front of their peers and compete and that's the hardest thing to do."

Other East Central students were freshman Damein Wash and sophomore David Thorne, both of Hickory, who both placed in the semi-finals; and sophomore Carl Wilson of Newton.

RECEIVES WEEMS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP - Christopher Bounds, a 2002 graduate of Newton County Academy, is the first recipient of the Weems Family Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The outstanding student is shown with family members Zelle Weems, center, of Forest and Betty Weems Clarkson of Jackson. Established in 2001, the scholarship commemorates the historical roles of the Weems family of Scott County as members of the faculty, board of trustees and student body at ECCC. The presentation was made at the college's annual scholarship Awards Luncheon. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVES THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP - Shelley Johnson, left, a 2002 graduate of Newton High School, was recently presented the James and Luvie Thomas EC Scholars Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The EC Scholars program was established in 1999 and is supported by individuals, businesses and groups. Recipients must be in the top 10 percent of their class. The outstanding student is shown with Stacey Hollingsworth, right, administrative assistant in the office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. EC photo.

RECEIVES GILMORE SCHOLARSHIP - William Bounds, a 2002 graduate of Newton County Academy, is this year's recipient of the Gilmore Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The outstanding student is shown with Hubert Gilmore, who along with his wife, Gladys, endowed the scholarship in 2000 to provide financial assistance for students who serve as tutors for classmates needing academic help. The presentation was made at the college'

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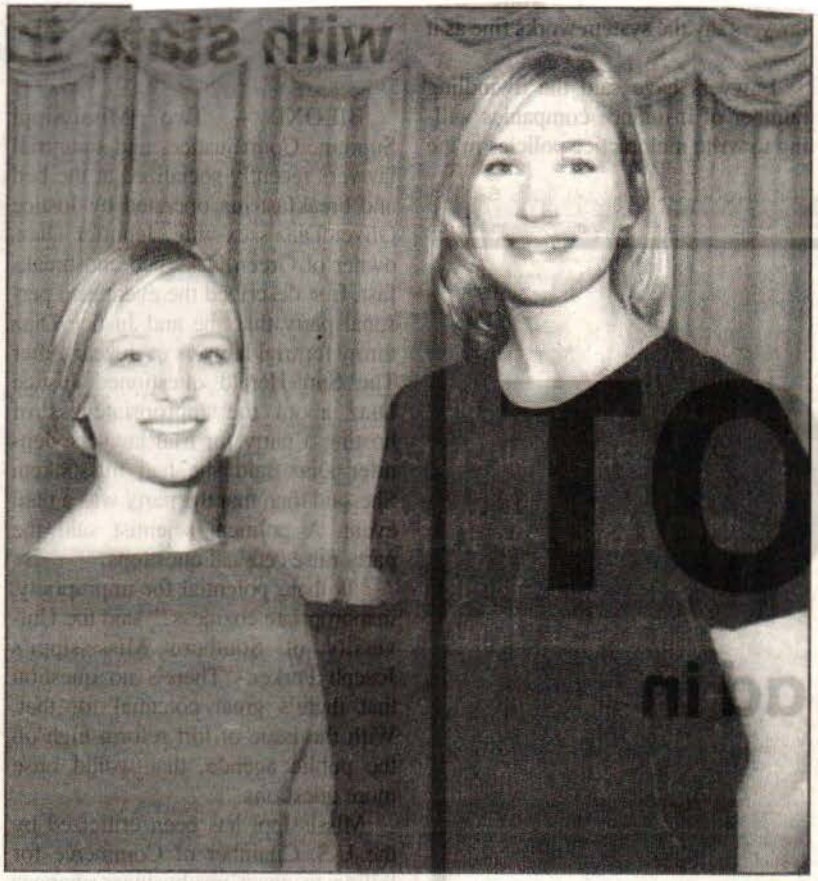

Wilson Scholarship recipient

Victoria Daniels (left) of Philadelphia is this year's recipient of the General William Patrick Wilson Memorial Scholarship, which is presented to a returning sophomore at East Central Community College in Decatur. Daniels, a Neshoba Central High School graduate, is pictured with Christi Lee Lewis, ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The ECCC Class of 1937 established the scholarship in honor of General Wilson, a former National Guard officer, who also served as a coach, teacher and dorm supervisor at East Central. (EC Photo)

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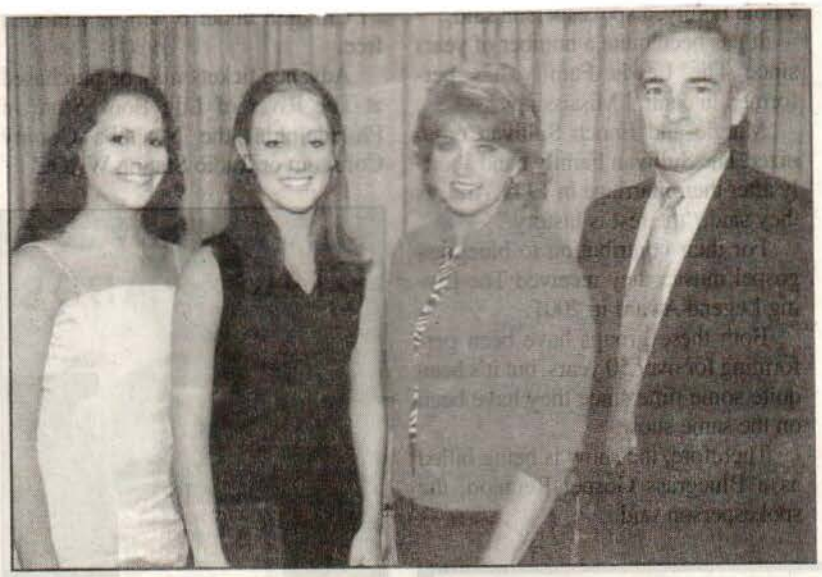

M&F Bank Scholarship recipients

Misty McKay (left) and Ashley Thomas, both 2002 graduates of Philadelphia High School, are this year's recipients of the Merchants and Farmers Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students are shown with bank representatives Penny Eakes and Guy Nowell. The award presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Established in 1998, the bank scholarship is presented to two Neshoba County seniors each year. (EC Photo)

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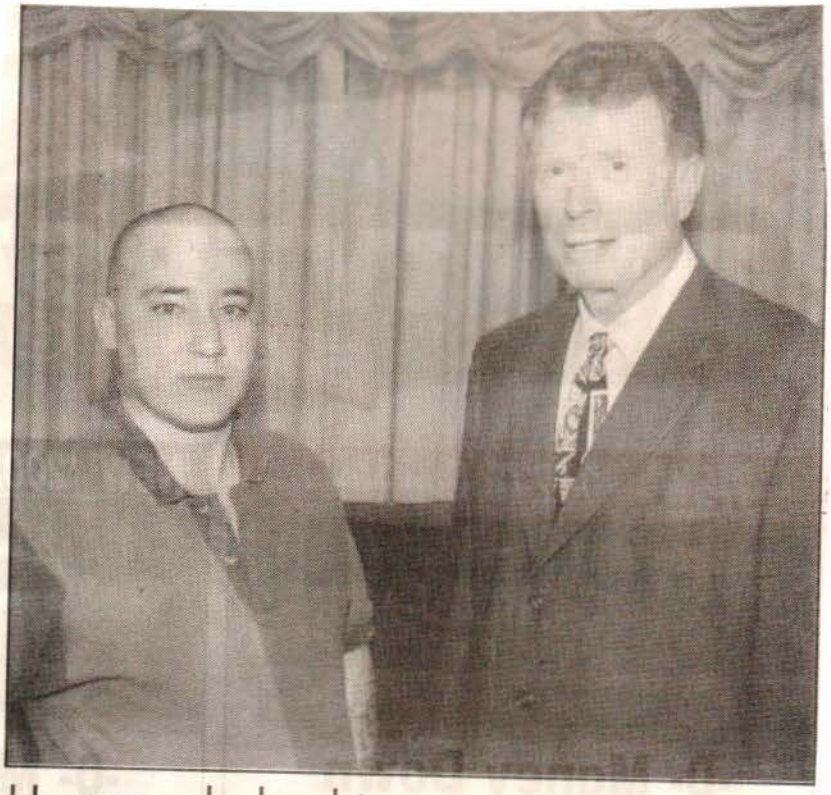

Hogue scholarship

Paul McCaughn (left) of Carthage is this year's recipient of the Hogue-Brantley Scholarship, which is presented to a returning sophomore enrolled in the automotive technology program at East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with family representative Larry Hogue of Flowood, who retired in 2001 after serving as Vice President for FOundation and Alumni Relations at ECCC. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Established in the spring of 2001, the scholarship honors Leake County natives Coyt and the late Bobbie Brantley Hogue. Coyt Hogue is a former automotive technology instructor at the College.

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$500 Scholarship

Kay Young, Scholarship Chairman for the Thursday Club of Walnut Grove presents Ginger Guy of Walnut Grove with a check in the amount of $500. Ginger is a 2002 graduate of South Leake High School and plans to attend East Central Community College this fall to pursue a degree in nursing.

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These students recently completed a course in Microsoft Excel offered by the V
East Central Community College in Decatur and held at the Philadelphia/Nesh
Center, a division of the College. Seated from left are Gina Bell of Philadelphia, A
Keyla Carney, Lynn Hartsell and Rose Callahan, all of Philadelphia. Standing fron
Philadelphia, Jeff McCoy of DeKalb, Scott Lathem of Sebastopol, Billy Thompson an
Cortney Fulton of Philadelphia and Doris Bell of Carthage.

Not pictured are Renee Grimes of Carthage and Juanita Hawthorn of Philadelp

Barbecue chicken.

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Tadlock Named ECCC 'Volunteer of the Year'

East Central Community College sophomore Beth Tadlock (left) of Lake was recently named the College's Campus Link Americorps "Volunteer of the Year." She has logged more than 50 tutoring hours in the ECCC Mississippi Reads program, a tutorial that pairs college students with elementary students in order to help raise reading levels at least two grades. At right is Americorps volunteer Thomas Clark of Decatur who presented Tadlock with a certificate of appreciation.

ECCC Plans June 27 Orientation

Students planning to attend East Central Community College this fall whohave not advance registered for classes are urged to attend orientation activities scheduled Thursday, June 27, on the Decatur campus.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in Newton Hall, Room 60. In addition to planning class schedules, students will receive information on the various academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central.

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Receives Heart and Hand Scholarship

Ramona Harvey, left, of Neshoba Central is the recipient of the 2002 Heart and Hand Gerontology Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. A non-profit organization that promotes programs and services for senior citizens, Heart and Hand, Inc., established this scholarship in 1999. She is pictured with Heart and Hand executive director, Yvonne Gallaher Laird (right) following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

Neshoba students attend ECCC orientation

Among area students who attended the June 15 orientation session at East Central Community College in Decatur were numerous graduates of schools in Neshoba County.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn about the various academic, social and personal opportunities available on the ECCC campus.

Attending orientation from Neshoba County were the following: Samuel Farve, Lindsey Gibson, Tanisha Isaac, Deaundrea Johnson, Casaja Phillips, Cassandra Stephens, Savannah Thomas, Cassidy Thompson, Melissa Tubby, Alicia Vaughn, Daphne Vaughn and Sesaun Williams, all of Choctaw Central; Keena Agent, Tracie Anderson, Brandy Bennett, Matthew Brown, Charles Butler, Anita Carter, Lindsay Coghlan, Ashley Collins, Amanda Cumberland, Pamela Dooley, Heather DuBose, Andrew Hardy, Lindsay Herrington, Lindsay Joiner, Betty Jones, Melissa Mayo, Lindsey McLendon, Justin McMillan, Wesley Moody, Loretta Mooney, Cynthia Moore, Cody Morrow, Mathew Nicholson, Donald Nowell, Janna Nowell, Ginger Page, Latosha Savell, Laura Sistrunk, Eric Smith, Lindsey Smith, Megan Stovall, Alan Taylor, Kandice Thomas, Jacob Townsend and Josh Williamson, all of Neshoba Central; and Ranardo Brass, Kristy Coleman, Randal Cumberland, Byron Donald, Joey Gibbons, Coco Graham, Jonathan Griffin, Violet Manning, Rafeon McClendon, Kim Moody, Blake Peebles, Richard Phillips, Candice Sharp, Robert Suggs, Curtis Spivey, and Jennifer Watkins, all of Philadelphia.

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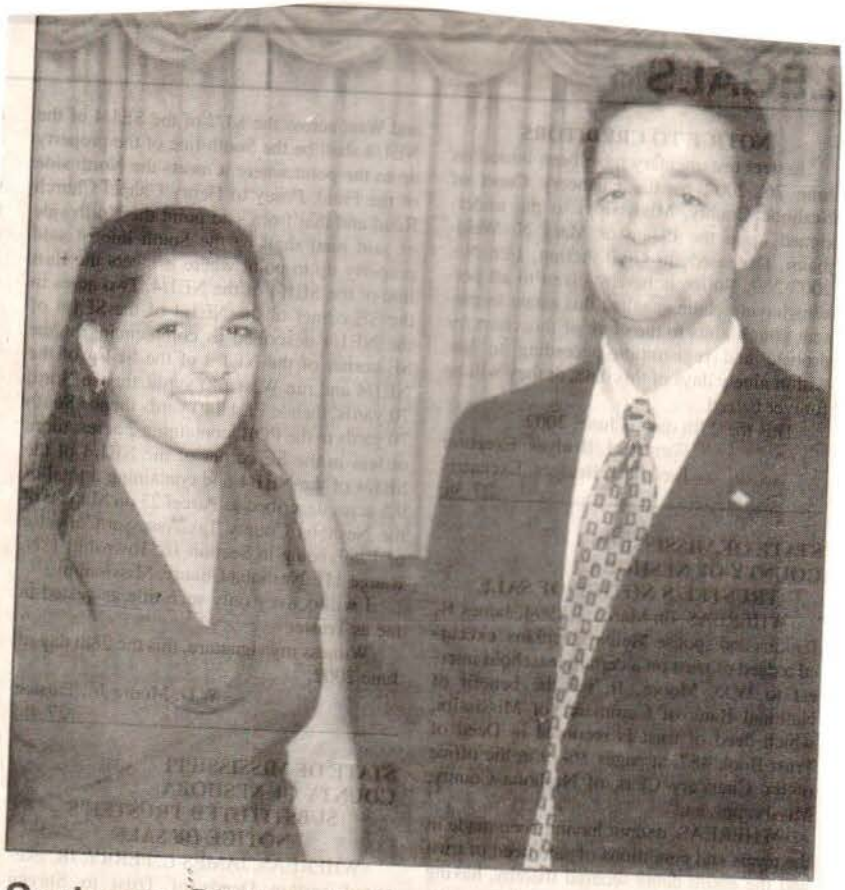

Sertoma Club scholarship recipient

Sydney Nowell, a 2002 graduate of Philadelphia High School, is this year's recipient of the Sertoma Club Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with club representative Rory Trapp. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Sertoma Club members established the scholarship in 2000 as part of their emphasis on education. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVES LA-Z-BOY SCHOLARSHIPS - Amanda Wyatt, left, a 2002 graduate of Newton County Academy, and Luke McNair, second from left, a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, were the recipients of the annual La-Z-Boy South scholarships to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students are shown with ECCC academic counselor Lanette Hanna following the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC photo)

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WILLIAMSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT Joanna Mowdy, a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of the Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The outstanding student is shown with Dolphus Williamson, who along with his wife, Sybil, established the scholarship in 1996. The award was presented at the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. (EC Photo)

RECEIVES LEATHERWOOD SCHOLARSHIP - Charlene Foreman of Little Rock is this year's recipient of the Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Scholarship, which is presented by the science department faculty at East Central Community College to an outstanding returning sophomore. Foreman, a graduate of Newton County High School, is shown with family representative Frank Leatherwood. The presentation was made at the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Family members and friends established the scholarship in memory of the long-time educators. (EC Photo)

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RECEIVES CITIZENS BANK SCHOLARSHIP -Kerry McDill, a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of the Citizen's Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with Kenneth Jones, president of the bank's Decatur branch. The award was presented at the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. (EC Photo)

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ECCC student gets Phi Theta Kappa Regional scholarship

Jimmy Hall of Lena, a returning sophomore at East Central Community College in Decatur, received a Phi Theta Kappa Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Scholarship to attend the Society's 2002 Honors Institute. Hall, a graduate of Leake Academy, is an active member of the organization and currently serves as Regional President. The scholarship, valued at $795, covers the entire cost of tuition, room and board associated with the Honors Institute. The Honors Institute, held June 24-30, was a six-day intensive examination of the 2002-2004 Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic, "Dimensions and Directions of Health: Choices in the Maze."

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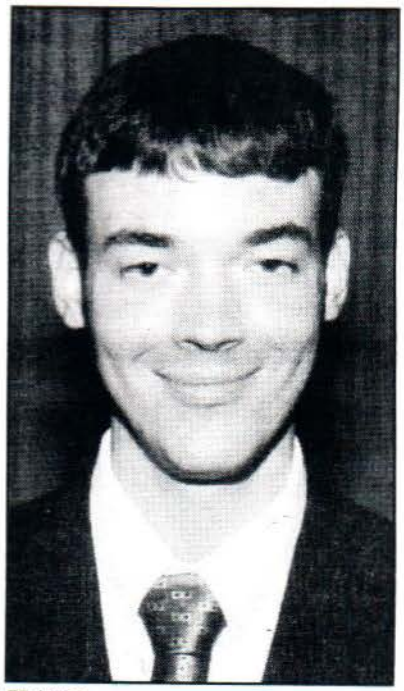

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Phi Theta Kappa is the official honor society for two-year colleges, with 1,200 chapters located in the United States, U.S. territories, Canada, Germany and Japan. The Society inducts 80,000 members annually and is headquartered in Jackson.

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Leake students attend EC honors orientation

Numerous students from Leake County attended Honors Orientation held at East Central Community College in Decatur.

High school graduates who scored 21 or above on the American College Test (ACT) and those selected STAR Students, valedictorians and salutatorians as well as members of the National Beta Club and other honor societies are invited to attend the annual event.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and receive information regarding the various opportunities available on the Decatur campus.

Area students who attended Honors Orientation included the following: Corli Burns, Thomas Carpenter, Amy Chamblee, Clifton Edwards, Christopher Hamm, Kimberly Hays, Lora Jayroe, Ashley Luckett, LaShandriea, Aleta Shade, Jason Vasquez, Jeremy Wilcher and Tamara Williams, all of Carthage;

Kristyn Dorman and Candace Ellis, both of Edinburg;

Lauren Allen, Jonathan Brooks, Ricky Chamblee, Ashley Fleming, Marcus Jenkins, Josh Moore, Kacie Pigg, Lindsay Thomas, Gabrielle Warren, and Shelley Wright, all of Leake Academy;

and Lekendrick Fortune, Ginger Guy, Karita Overstreet and Monica Sanders, all of South Leake High School.

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Attends EC orientation

South Leake High School graduate Latoya Hardy (center) was among area students who attended orientation activities held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. The freshman-to-be is shown receiving assistance in planning her fall class schedule from Elizabeth Breland (left) business technology instructor. At right is Latoya's mother, Alice Boatman.

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ERA graduates attend EC Honors Orientation

East Rankin Academy graduates Lee Beard and Renee Thompson, both of Morton, attended Honors Orientation held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur.

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Scott County Students Attend ECCC Honors Orientation

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High school students who scored 21 or above on the American College Test (ACT) and those selected STAR Students, valedictorians, salutatorians as well as members of the National Beta Club and other honor societies are invited to attend the annual event.

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Area students who attended Honors Orientation include Nakita Ragsdale, Forest; Britney Burks, Miranda Cooper, Miranda Faircloth, Amy Haralson, Jon Nichols, Kattie Nickson, Joseph Shelley, Jonathan Sigrest, Leslie Stewart and Matthew White, all of Scott Central; Kimyatta Viverette, Lake; Lorenzo Coley, Lee Fairchilds, Jessica Fedrick, Amanda Gatewood, Jeremy Gibbs, Ryan Meeks, Gary Parker and Stephanie Winstead, all of Morton; and Shana Graham, Amanda Holloway, Daniel Madden, Jason Price, Kathleen Rushing, Pamela Spivey and Clayton Tune, all of Sebastopol.

Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Thursday, June 27; Wednesday, July 10; and Saturday, August 3.

Fall classes start Monday, August 12.

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McAdory receives ECCC scholarships

East Central Community College sophomore April McAdory (left) of Neshoba Central was recently awarded the Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship and the Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Burkes Scholarship was established in 1999 to honor the life and works of Ann Hunter Burkes, former librarian and Phi Theta Kappa sponsor. It is awarded to a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers Scholarship was established by Mr. Eubanks and is presented to the newly elected Student Body Association President. McAdory is shown following the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon with Christi Lewis, Recruiter/Director of the Tech Prep Career Center. (EC Photo)

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Receive Myers Scholarships

Kristen Dunn (left) of Neshoba Central and Ashley Brown of Philadelphia, both 2002 graduates, are this year's recipients of the annual Ben Myers Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Dunn and Brown are shown with Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor, following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The scholarship was established in memory of Ben Myers of Philadelphia, a 1997 ECCC graduate, who lost his life the following year in an automobile accident. The scholarship is presented to two Neshoba County residents each year. (EC Photo)

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Receives McCann Scholarship

Marcus Cleveland (third from left), a 2002 graduate of Morton High School, was recently presented the Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown with McCann's mother, Teresa Shannon (fourth from left), and aunt, Melissa Williamson (right), following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. Also pictured are Clevelands's mother, Flora Hudson (second from left) and family friend, Tyneisha McDonald (left). (EC Photo)

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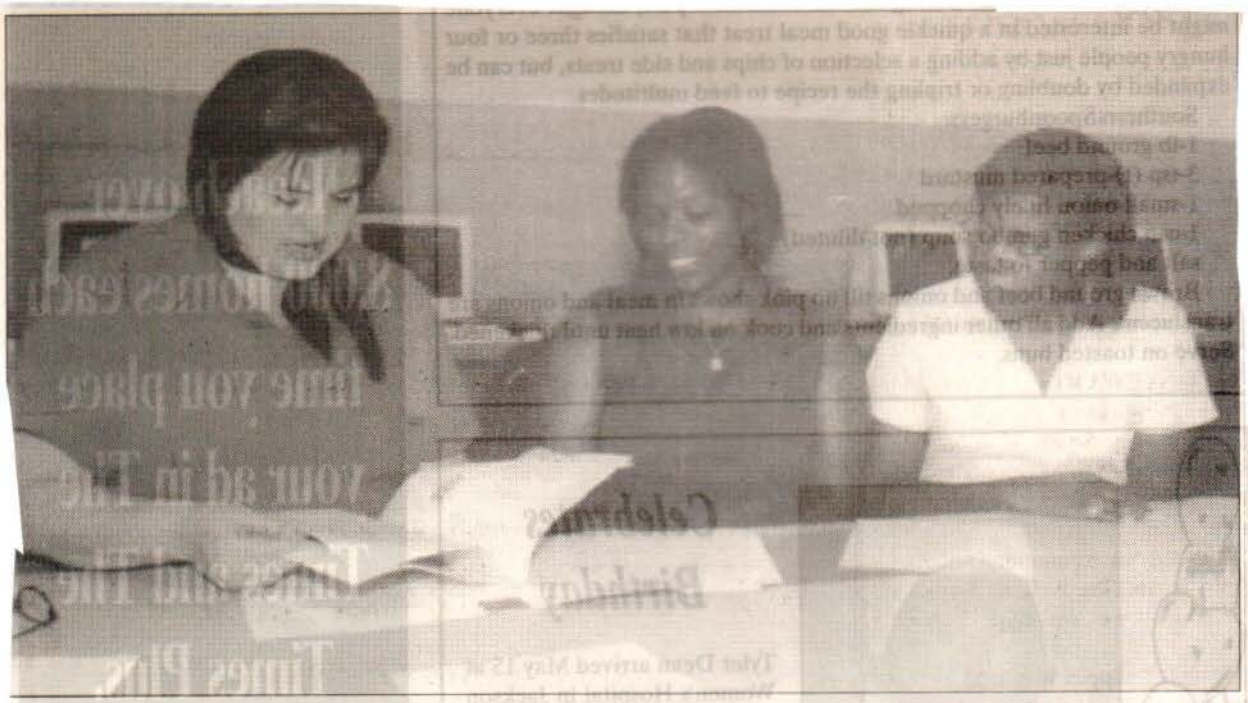

Nicole Jones (center) of Sebastopol and Susie Finderson (right) of Forest were among area students who attended orientation activities held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. The freshmen-to-be are shown receiving assistance in planning their fall class schedules from Ann Bullock, business technology instructor. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, July 10 and Saturday, August 3. Fall classes start Monday, August 12. For more information contact Student Services, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375.

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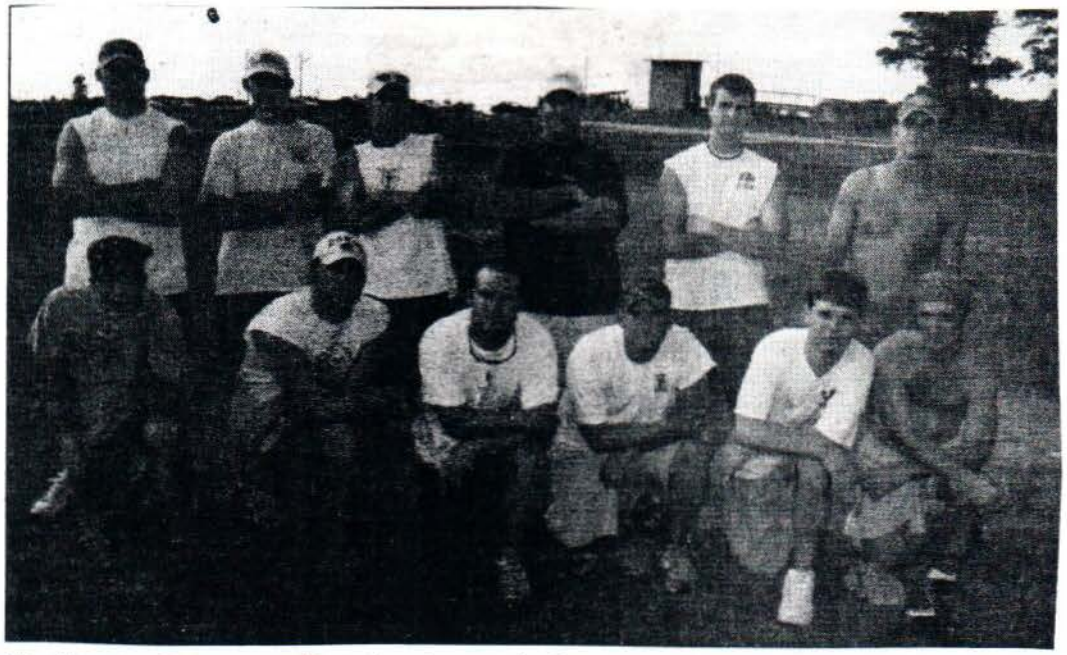

The Decatur Taters won first place honors in the annual intramural softball competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include; kneeling from left, Ty Anderson, Nathan Stamper, Steve Pearson and Jeremy Stevens, all of Decatur; Skip Stamper of Hickory and Josh Burton of Decatur; and standing from left, Ryan Strait of Hickory, Matt Davis, Kirk Johnston and Steven Dellaria, all of Decatur; Dustin McGee of Hickory and Cory Amis of Decatur. Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (School Photo)

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WEEK OF July 15, 2002

Receive ECCC Players Awards

Above are students who received technical awards for their assistance with the East Central Community College Players' dinner theater production of "Accommodations" and musical performance of "Footloose." Honors were presented during the EC Players annual awards banquet was held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated from left) Candice Mullen of Newton, David Walters of Philadelphia and Laura Shook of Newton; and (standing from left) Tom Clark of Decatur, Janette Robinson of Edinburg and Casey Smith of Louisville. Not pictured are Allen Ray of Walnut Grove and Kiel May of Vicksburg. Technical awards were presented by production director, Juanita West. Regina Rigby of Forest served as director. (EC Photo)

ECCC 'special' award honorees

Recipients of "special" awards presented at the annual East Central Community College Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus include (seated, from left) Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove, Citizenship; Megan Morrison of Edinburg, ECCC Players; Caleb Cook of Hickory, ECCC Singers; Chalunda Hudson of Philadelphia, Gospel Choir; and Ty Anderson of Decatur, Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry; and (standing from left) Victoria Daniels of Philadelphia, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Arts Council; Tom Clark, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Nontraditional Education; Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs, Charlene Foreman of Little Rock and Joseph Wall of Forest, freshman mathematics; and Allison Latham of Forest, sophomore mathematics. Not pictured is Jennifer Savell of Lake, EC Environmental Club. (EC Photo)

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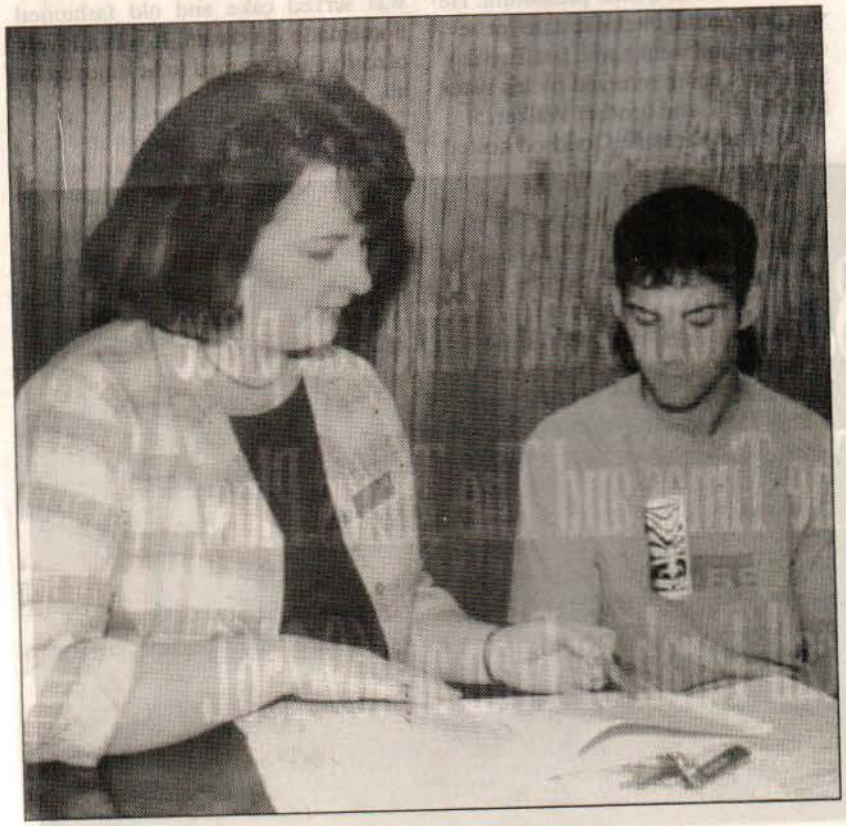
Dilley Attends ECCC Orientation



Jim Dilley (right) of Forest was among area students who recently attended orientation activities held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. The freshman-to-be is shown planning his fall class schedule with the assistance of Polly Mayes, drafting and design technology instructor. An additional orientation session is scheduled for Saturday, August 3. Fall classes being Monday, August 12. For more information contact Student Services, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375.

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ECCC Chorale Presents Concert

DECATUR--Above are members of the East Central Community College Chorale who are shown prior to their annual fall concert held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. First row, from left, are Ross Price of Union, director; Michelle Simmons, Carthage; Leticia Horn, Philadelphia; Glenda Brown, Union; Stacey York, Decatur; Rebecca Kelly, Lake; Megan Logan, Newton; Shanna Travis, Crystal Springs; Krystal Moore, Philadelphia; Rebecca Germany, Union; Lana Rogers, Carthage; Heather Chessman, Raymond; and Leesa Wilkinson of Hickory, accompanist. Seconds row, from left, are Amanda Clanton, Lawrence; Tam Graham and Jennifer Bane, both of Philadelphia; Jennifer Savell, Lake; Lisa Chamblee, Carthage; Natalie Tanksley, Sebastopol; Dinah Howell, Decatur; Sarah Cole, Newton; Rachel George and Rheannan Crane, both of Morton; Kalenda Towner, Meridian; Renee Irby, Clarkdale; and Kelly Cauthen, Raymond. Third row, from left, are Kathy Jones, Philadelphia; Alyssa Ford, Newton; Jeff Pates, Lawrence; Josh Burton and Jacob Pierce, both of Decatur; Terrance Ross, Bay Springs; Damein Wash, Hickory; Ricardo Robinson, Decatur; Carl Wilson, Newton; Josh Hall, Morton; Deidre Greer, Carthage; Lakeisha Burnside, Philadelphia; and Alvia Lee, Pelahatchie. Fourth row, from left, are Chris Carson, Decatur; Casey Paige, Newton; Andy Murphy, Meridian; Brad Sutphin, Decatur; Joshua Black, Philadelphia; Matthew Smith, Decatur; Caleb Cook, Hickory; Jeremy Stevens, Decatur; Shondrick Hampton, Louisville; and Keil May, Vicksburg. (EC Photo)

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Receives Thornton/Emerson Electric Scholarship

Jerry Barrett (center), a returning sophomore from Neshoba Central High School is the 2002 recipient of the Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. This scholarship was endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and Emerson Electric in 1991. Barrett is shown with the Thorntons following the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

Receives Phillips Heart and Hand Scholarship

Hope Chunn of Neshoba Central is the recipient of the 2002 Elberta C. Phillips Heart and Hand Gerontology Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. A non-profit organization that promotes programs and services for senior citizens, Heart and Hand, Inc., established this scholarship in 1999. She is pictured with Heart and Hand executive director, Yvonne Gallaher Laird (right) following the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Receives Blount Scholarship

Carla Walker (left), a 2002 graduate of Philadelphia High School, is this year's recipient of the Nancy Amanda Breazeale Blount Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with Christi Lee Lewis, ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center director. The presentation was made at the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The scholarship endowment was initiated in the fall of 2000 in memory of Mrs. Blount, her husband, Ples Clayton Blount, and in honor and memory of her children. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF July 15, 2002

Arts Council scholarship recipient

Victoria Daniels (center) of Philadelphia is the recipient of this year's Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship, which is presented to a returning sophomore who is majoring in art, music or drama at East Central Community College in Decatur. Daniels, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is pictured with Council representatives Florine Holmes (left) and Sharon Deweese. The presentation was made at the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF July 22, 2002

ECCC Surgical Tech Class of 2002 Grads

East Central Community College in Decatur recently held a pinning ceremony for graduates of the college's Surgical Technology program. Members of the Class of 2002 include (front row, from left) Mavis Griffin of Conehatta, Kim McAdory of Louisville, Connie Chapman of Newton, Nina Roach of Philadelphia, Angela Betts of Meridian and Amanda Denson of Morton; and (back row, from left) Jewett Perkins of Carthage, Dwayne Anderson and Angela Cooks, both of Forest; Paul Ford of Lena and Kyle Darsey of Hickory.

Instructors include LeAnn Shirley and Kristie Pilgrim.

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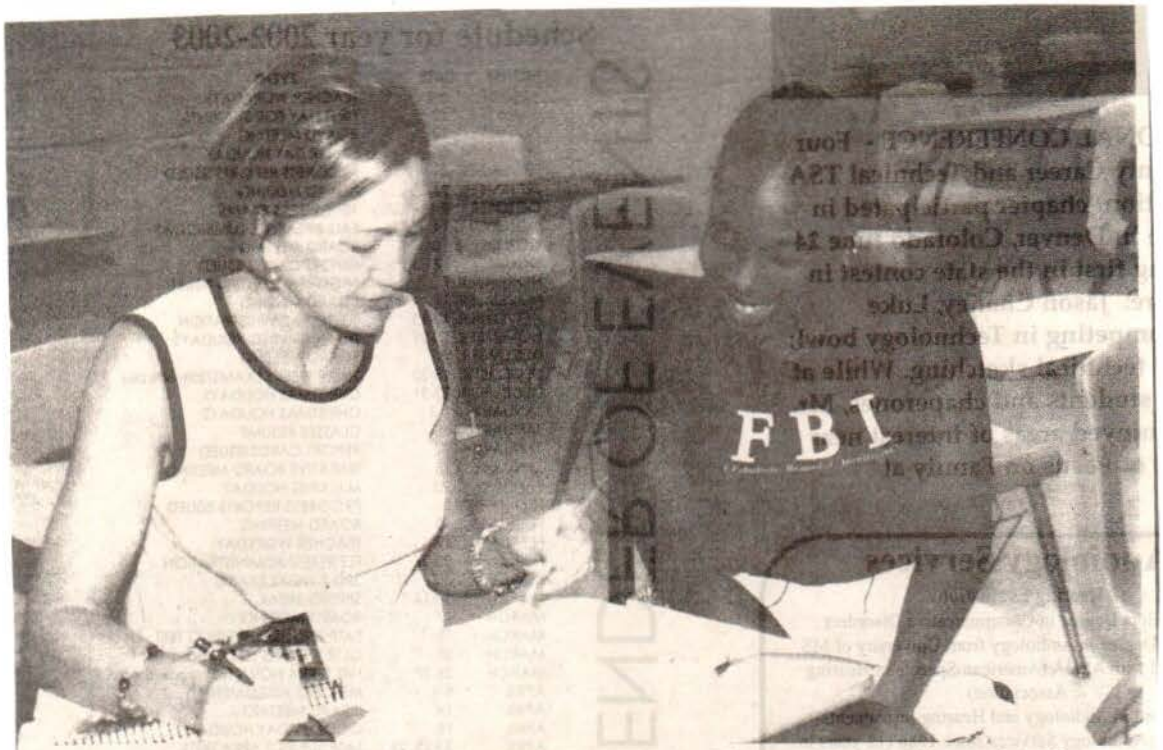

MAPP ATTENDS ORIENTATION AT ECCC - Melanie Gilmore, Dean of Associate Degree Nursing at East Central Community College, is shown assisting makesha Mapp of newton with her fall semester class schedule during orientation activities held June 27 on Decatur campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn about campus life at EC. Additional orientation session will be Saturday, August 3.

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WEEK OF July 22, 2002

ECCC's NJCAA Academic All-Americans

Eleven student-athletes at East Central Community College in Decatur have been selected NJCAA Academic All-Americans for the 2001-02 College term. Recipients of the prestigious honor must have completed three semesters of coursework and participated in at least one sport recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Students who earn a 3.8 grade point average or above qualify as Distinguished Academic All-Americans and those with at least a 3.6 GPA are named Academic All-Americans. Honorees and their respective sports area include (seated from left) Tori Tijerina (tennis) of Newton, Emily Casey (softball) and Sommer Averett (softball), both of Union; Brandi Bounds (tennis) of DeKalb, and Josh Chaney (football/baseball) of Little Rock, and (standing from left) Caleb May (soccer) of Philadelphia, Braden Land (soccer) of Corinth, and Jeremy Stevens (golf), Ty Anderson (tennis) and Corey Amis (baseball), all of Decatur. Not pictured is Wesley Rounsaville (soccer) of Philadelphia. Casey, Averett, Bounds, Chaney, Stevens, Anderson and Amis were named on the Distinguished list. The group will be featured in Juco Review, the official NJCAA publication. (EC Photo)

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Neshoba County Fair performers

The Collegians of East Central Community College will again be featured performers during "EC Day" activities scheduled Monday, July 29 at the Neshoba County Fair. The pop/rock vocal-instrumental group will be in concert beginning at 1 p.m. at the Founder's Square Pavilion and again at 6:45 p.m. in the Grandstand area. The ECCC Cheerleaders and Centralettes will also entertain during the Collegians' concert at the pavilion. College personnel will be available at the ECCC Display Booth in Exhibit Hall throughout "EC Day" to provide information regarding the various academic, technical and vocational programs of study offered on the Decatur campus. Members of the Collegians include (kneeling from left) technicians Marcus Williams of Brandon and Any Polizzi of Meridian; (seated from left) technicians Josh Tillman of Forest, George Edwards of Louisville, Lucas Pope of Philadelphia and Andy Murphy of Meridian; and wind section members Joshua Black of Philadelphia, Matt Hedrick of Decatur, and Grant Morris and April McAdory, both of Philadelphia; and (standing from left) vocalists Megan Tramill of Newton, Damien Wash of Hickory, Claire Edgar of Union, Chris Carson of Decatur, Kristen Thornton of Edinburg and Josh Burton of Decatur; and rhythm section members Kirk Misso of Starkville, Michael Eichelberger of Conehatta and Matt Baldridge of Philadelphia. Thomas W. Carson serves as director and also plays guitar. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF July 29, 2002

Receive Technical Awards at ECCC

These East Central Community College students received technical honors during the college's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Josh Baumunk and Benstan Pope, both of Philadelphia, collision repair technology; Aaron Chunn of Philadelphia, automotive technology; Willie Macon of Philadelphia, child development technology; Gary Maisonneuve of Carthage, computer technology; and Kevin Pierce of Newton and Kenneth Robinson of Carthage, electrical technology; and (standing from left) Kevin Belk of Union, electronic technology; Malthia Jones of Newton, gerontology technology; Adam Foreman of Little Rock, heating and air conditioning technology; Chris Comans of Newton, machine shop technology; Chad Penson of Collinsville, computer network support technology; Mavis Griffin of Conehatta, surgical technology; and Chris Bankston of Union, "Technical Student of the Year." Not pictured is Jody Chaney of Little Rock, O.L. Newell Memorial Drafting Award. (EC Photo)

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COLLEGE IS NOT JUST FOR TEENAGERS ANYMORE!

We Did It . . . So Can You!

Among graduates of the Class of 2002 were these nontraditional students (from left) Ava Files, 42, of Philadelphia; Jennifer Henry, 21, of Carthage; Jo Ann Shelley, 48, of Forest; Tom Clark, 42, of Decatur; and Willie Macon, 33, of Louisville.

TRY COLLEGE FREE

If you are an adult wanting to improve your life with a college education, then call East Central Community College for information about day and evening classes offered this fall. Adult students who qualify can take their first college course free of charge.

For more information, contact Gene Davis, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education (ext. 278 or 279).

- Day Classes begin Monday, August 12
- Evening Classes begin the week of August 19
- Last Day to Register for Classes is Friday, August 23

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East Central Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or handicap. The College is in compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Right to Know Campus Security Act of 1990.

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Newsom attends ECCC orientation

Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division/art instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur is shown assisting Lena resident Gentle Newsom with her fall semester class schedule during orientation activities held Thursday, June 27, on the Decatur campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation have an opportunity to learn about campus life at East Central. An additional session will be held Saturday, August 3. For more information contact the Vice President for Student Services' Office, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222). (EC Photo)

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Leake Co. students attend EC orientation sessions

Numerous students from Leake County attended orientation sessions held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn about the various academic, social and personal opportunities available on the ECCC campus.

Area students who attended the July 10 session included Brian Harrell, Rebecca Jones and Joseph Smith, all of Carthage Attendance Center; Neeley Rawson, Carthage Christian Academy; Tomas Wilkerson, Edinburg High School; Walnut Grove resident Tammie Macklin, a graduate of Forest High School; Lena resident Matthew Odom, a graduate of Scott Central High School; Carthage resident April Willis, a graduate of Choctaw Central High School; Carthage resident William Hamilton, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School; and Janice Bolton, Tammie Davis, Arkeem Gardner and Jowansia Mitchell, all of South Leake Attendance Center.

Those who participated in the June 27 session were Anthony Ashwood, Shameika Hall, Windy Hall, Robert Kelly, Christine Luckett, William Perkins and Heidi Shannon, all of Carthage Attendance Center; Carlton Dodd, Thomastown Attendance Center; Roman Ingram and Brenda Rogers, both of Edinburg High School; Jennifer Clark, Ashley Hillman and Jonathan Moore, all of Leake Academy; Lena residents Mallie McClendon and Kyna Wash, both graduates of Morton Attendance Center; Gentle Newsom, Lena; and Tammy Jordan, Jennifer Perkins, Evelyn Bolling and Deborah McInnish, all of Carthage.

An additional orientation session will be held Saturday, August 3.

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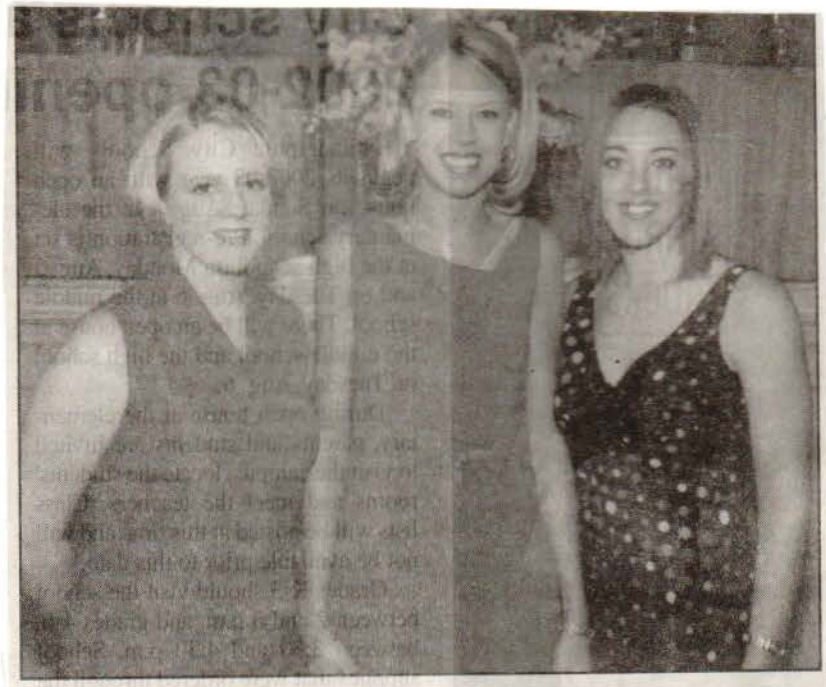

Receive USM transfer scholarships

These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to the University of Southern Mississippi. Scholarships were presented during the annual ECCC Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia, Jennifer Cuchens of Newton and Claire Edgar of Union. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF July 29, 2002

Place in ECCC spring art show

These East Central Community College students received various awards during the Spring Juried Art Show, which was on display during April in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur Campus. Pictured are (from left) William Cherry of Philadelphia, second place for "Silos and Haybales" and honorable mention for "Reflection of Life" and Barnyard Moonlight,: all in the Drawing Dry Media Category: third for "Madeline" and honorable mention for "Steal Life", both in Drawing Wet Media; and honorable mention for "Disney Rip-off" in Design; Amanda Thompson of Louisville, second for "Fading Trends in Footwear" in Drawing Wet Media; honorable mention of "Pears Still Life" in Drawing Wet Media; honorable mention for "Pears Still Life" in Drawing Dry Media; and honorable mention for "Self Portrait" in Design; Ardria Harris, first for "The Heart of Mississippi" in Drawing Wet Media; and Tommy Johnson of Carthage, third for "Alone in My House" and honorable mention for "Man Hammer", both in Sculpture. Bruce Guraedy and Todd Eldridge serve as instructors. (EC Photo)

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Receive MSU scholarships

These East Central Community College sophomores received Phi Theta Kappa transfer scholarships to continue their education at Mississippi State University. The scholarships were presented during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 2, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Sommer Averett of Union, Kerri Burks of Philadelphia, Allison Latham of Forest, Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove and Jessica McMahen of Carthage; and (standing, from left) Tom Clark, Matt Davis, Daniel Pearce and Jason Guraedy, all of Decatur. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF August 5, 2002

Surgical Tech Graduates

East Central Community College in Decatur recently held a pinning ceremony for graduates of the college's Surgical Technology program. Members of the Class of 2002 include (front row, from left) Mavis Griffin of Conehatta, Kim McAdory of Louisville, Connie Chapman of Newton, Nina Roach of Philadelphia, Angela Betts of Meridian and Amanda Denson of Morton; and (back row, from left) Jewett Perkins of Carthage, Dwayne Anderson and Angela Cooks, both of Forest; Paul Ford of Lena and Kyle Darsey of Hickory. Instructors include LeAnn Shirley and Kristie Pilgrim. (EC Photo)

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ECCC cheerleaders selected for university squads

These former East Central Community College cheerleaders were recently chosen to serve on university squads for 2002-03. Selections were made following tryouts held on the respective college campuses. From left are Lee Ann Morrow of Enterprise, who will cheer at the University of West Alabama; Jonathan McMillan of Winston Academy and Kasey Comans of Newton County High School, Mississippi State University; Kelly Walker of Neshoba Central, Delta State University; Todd Babb of Pisgah, Mississippi State University; and LeAnn Eddins of Heidelberg Academy, University of Southern Mississippi. Not pictured is Lee Thompson of Morton, who was selected an alternate at MSU. Carrie Underwood serves ECCC cheerleader sponsor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF August 19, 2002

EC Players Awards

Above are students who received technical awards for their assistance with the East Central Community College Players' dinner theater production of "Accommodations" and musical performance of "Footloose." Honors were presented during the EC Players annual awards banquet held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Candice Mullen of Newton, David Walters of Philadelphia and Laura Shook of Newton; and (standing, from left) Tom Clark of Decatur, Janette Robinson of Edinburg and Casey Smith of Louisville. Not pictured are Allen Ray of Walnut Grove and Kiel May of Vicksburg. Technical awards were presented by production director, Juanita West. Regina Rigby of Forest served as director.

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ECCC'S LPN Graduates

East Central Community College recently held its annual pinning ceremony for graduates of the Licensed Practical Nursing program. Several students from the Class of 2002 participated in the special event, which was held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Participants included Jamie Blackburn of Decatur, Practical Nursing Student of the Year and Kathleen Sue Hogue of Walnut Grove, Vocational Student of the Year, who provided remarks; Amy Lum Clark of Carthage, invocation; and Jennifer Belk Eanes of Pulaski, benediction.

Graduates included (first row, from left) Alisha Danyel Thompson, Carthage; Kathy Rock Harrison and Jennifer Belk Eanes, both of Pulaski; and Eileen Stephanie Soto, Forest; (second row, from left) Mary Sue Hood Sullivan and Deborah Ruddick Blais, both of Union, and Tanay Catrenia Primer, Carthage; (third row, from left) Kathleen Sue Hogue, Walnut Grove; Jamie Blackburn, Decatur; Karen Terrell Adams, Union; Angela Beasley, Louisville; Amy Lum Clark, Carthage; and Sonya Gale Freeny, Carthage; (fou row, from left) Trilanda Lakees Ware, Forest; Stephanie Fry Mize, Philadelphia; Ter McCurdy Cager, Forest; Deb Louise Munn, Union; a Stephanie Sones Mills, Carthage.

Not pictured is Rhonda B Thomas of Carthage. Kat Buckman and Lori Luke serve LPN instructors.

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HOSA winners

These East Central Community College Licensed Practical Nursing students won top honors in the state HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Competition. Pictured are (front row, from left) Rhonda Thomas of Conehatta, fifth place, medical math and National Healthcare Issues Exam; Debbie Blais of Union, first place, creative problem solving team; Kathy Harrison of Forest, first place, human growth and development; Tanya Primer of Carthage, elected state president, first place, creative problem solving team; and first place, health education; Amy Clark of Carthage, second place, basic concepts of health care; and Eileen Soto of Forest, first place, health education; and (back, from left) Jamie Blackburn of Decatur and Stephanie Mills of Carthage, national Healthcare Issues Exam; Karen Adams of Union, second place, nutrition, and National Healthcare Issues Exam; Angie Beasley of Louisville, fourth place, job seeking skills; J.J. Misso of Louisville, first place, creative problem solving team; Teresa Cager of Forest, first place, health education; and Kathy Hogue of Walnut Grove, elected state secretary/treasurer.

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WEEK OF August 26, 2002

ECCC hosts Sept. 3 pep rally

DECATUR — East Central Community College football fans can get their first glimpse of the 2002 squad by attending the annual "Meet the Warriors Pep Rally" scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3 in downtown Decatur.

Activities get underway at 7 p.m. at the Citizens Bank parking lot located across the street from Spanky's Texaco Station. Station owner Robert Carleton III sponsors the annual event.

Participating in the program will be Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Carleton; and head football coach Terry Underwood. Coach Underwood will provide remarks about this year's squad followed by introductions of staff and team members.

The Warrior cheerleaders, Centralettes and the Wall O' Sound Marching Band will also perform. East Central kicks off the season by hosting Holmes Community College at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5 in Warrior Stadium.

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Casie Page is one of 127 Mississippi University and college students appointed by the state Baptist Student Union to serve as a summer missionary in Alaska.

Page, son of Ronnie and Laurie Page of Newton, is a student at East Central Community College. Missionaries will have all expenses paid by fellow students during their term of service. All students serve approximately 10 week terms alongside career missionaries.

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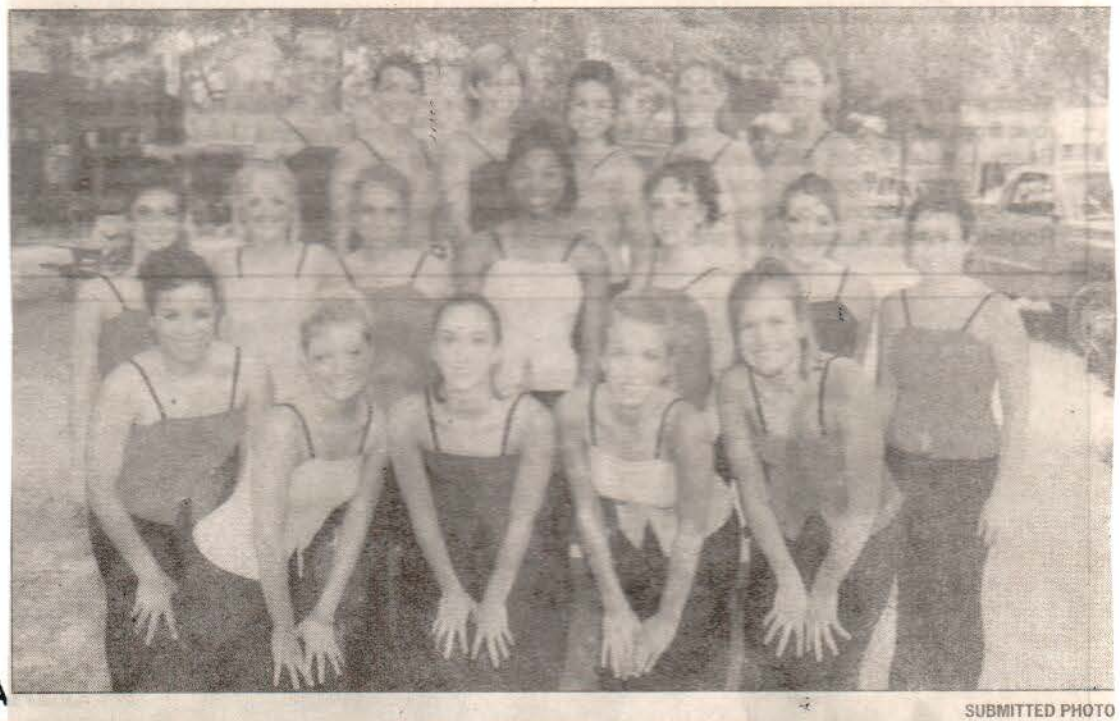
ECCC CHEERLEADERS

Members of the East Central Community College cheerleading squad for the 2002-03 college term and their respective high schools include (kneeling, from left) Renee Thompson of East Rankin Academy, Shelly Johnson of Newton, Audra Myers of Louisville, Jennifer Walker of Neshoba Central, mascot Chuck Quinn of Nanih Waiya, Nikki Tullos and Lindsey Cheatham, both of Philadelphia, Ashley Buckman of Bay Springs and Jennifer Kersh of Enterprise; and (standing, from left) Brody Perkins of Carthage, Chris Huff of Forest, Richard Fulton of Nanih Waiya, Charles Hall of Bay Springs, Scott Belvin of West Lauderdale, Nathan Stamper of Newton County Academy, Eric Graham of Union, and Zach Thames of Newton.



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ECCC CENTRALETTES

Providing entertainment during halftime activities of Warrior football games are the Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Wall Of Sound Marching band. Members and their respective high schools are (front row, from left) Mary Lois Thomas, Newton County; Haley Waggoner, Morton; Liz Kirk, Nanih Waiya; and Rachael Carter and Brittany Young, both of Winston Academy; (second row, from left) Blair Anderson and Kristin Hedrick, both of Newton County; Andrea Walker, Edinburg; Dana Buckley, Union; Brooke Dorman, Edinburg; Heather Palmer, Union and Kery McDill, Newton County; and (back row, from left) Kristin Rice, Newton County Academy; Claudia Zynosky-Sharpling and Whitney Harris, both of Newton County; captain Sandy Keene, Union; Carrie Cumberland, Philadelphia;

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ECCC wildlife habitat continues to grow

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The campus Wildlife Habitat, which started out as grass and boulders in front of Cross Hall Science Building, continues to expand in size and goods, according to Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington, project director.

"We are very proud of the work that the science department, including our students, has done to improve the campus overall," Hennington said.

With many new projects being added to the habitat on almost a daily basis, Dr. Hennington explained what many of the new sights include.

"Joe Johnson, biology instructor, has established a victory garden (vegetable garden) on the south campus and is working on the mathematical calculations for an analemmatic sundial to be installed by his students on the front campus," she said. "Patti Davis, biology and microbiology instructor, has added an herb garden for butterfly larvae, bird feeders throughout campus and additional bluebird boxes on the Davis Blue Bird Trail. Her students are working in conjunction with the Cornell University Ornithology Laboratory to keep records of fledges in the boxes on campus," Hennington added.

Dr. Henington praised Science Department Chairman Ron Davis for his "behind the scenes" work. She said he stays busy drilling, cutting wood, digging holes and providing support for the other instructors and their students.

Dr. Hennington has written and received a grant in conjunction with the Good Luck 4-H club to build an Arbor Vinery on the front campus around the blue backflow valve.

"The East Central physical plant personnel, biology and chemistry students and local 4-H members and their parents and sponsors are all contributing to the construction, which should be completed this summer," Dr. Hennington said.

Dr. Hennington, with the help of physical plant director Mike Dearing, has also written a proposal to host an Americorps team on the Decatur campus. „If this proposal is granted," said Dr. Hennington, "an Americorps team will build two trails through the north campus pine forest, renovate an ECCC dorm, work with the Americorps/Vista reading and math tutoring program and work with a chemistry class during Kids College this summer."

Not only is the Wildlife Habitat making a difference in the appearance of the campus, it is also being used as a teaching tool in many classes.

"All biology classes are using the garden as part of service learning," said Dr. Hennington. "The addition of the habitat in front of Cross Hall and work around the college pond has greatly added to the students, study of ecology and forestry."

An ongoing project, Dr. Hennington said new plans for the Wildlife Habitat include adding bat boxes to the north campus around the pond, planting experimental growth plots for pine trees, adding a hardwood stand around the pond, completing work on wildflower areas, adding numerous new species of pine trees, landscaping outside the ceramics lab on south campus and adding other ways for science students to use the ECCC campus as a learning lab.

Although students and instructors are doing most of the work on the habitat, donations are welcome and needed.

"We need a pump for the front campus pond and money for buying native shrubs," said Dr. Hennington. "The department is also looking for a tiller that could become a permanent part of our cache of tools. We also have plans to build a storage shed on the west end of Cross Hall and donations of lumber and construction help are much needed."

She added they are looking for people who would like to plant trees on campus in memory of someone. Those interested should contact Ron Davis at 635-2111, ext. 222.

Dr. Hennington said, "We are sincerely grateful to all input, ideas, time and sweat that have been added to our Arboretum/Teaching Lab project. We have found the ECCC administration is totally supportive of the work being done on campus by the science department. We thank the staff and instructors who have donated plants and time to improving the habitat. We also thank the people of the community and our students who have been more than happy to help with the project."

For more information on the Wildlife Habitat, contact Hennington at 635-2111, ext. 362.

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Photo at left: Dinah Howell of Little Rock and Casey McMillan of Lawrence weed the butterfly garden area of the wildlife habitat. Photo at right: Emily Casey of Union, Jeremy Stevens of Decatur, instructor Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington, Rachel Smith of Lake, Bonnie O,Bannon of Lena

and Jeff Stuart of Lake review house plans for building duck boxes for Okatibbee Lake. Dinah Howell of Little Rock and Casey McMillan of Lawrence weed the butterfly garden area of the Wildlife Habitat. ECCC photos.

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WEEK OF Sept 16, 2002

ECCC Reports Record Enrollment

DECATUR--A record enrollment has been set at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

Luke said 2,503 students are enrolled in fall classes, surpassing the previous record of 2,435 students who registered for day and evening courses during the 2001 fall term.

The enrollment figure includes 1,737 academic students, 673 technical students and 93 students who take vocational classes. The record enrollment also includes 1,914 full-time students and 589 students who take classes on a part-time basis.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who noted the College has experienced an increase in enrollment for 18 consecutive years, was obviously pleased with the new record.

"We are excited about reaching this milestone in the history of the College. Our mission is to serve our five-county district and the continued increase in our credit and noncredit enrollment is an indication that we are successful in achieving our mission," Dr. Sutphin said.

East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

For more information contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 206. The email address is dluke@eccc.cc.ms.us.

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2002-2003 ECCC Cheerleaders

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WEEK OF Sept 23, 2002

Tom Tom editor

Jimmy Hall, son of Johnny and Kathy Hall of Lena, has been named editor of the East Central Community College newspaper, *The Tom Tom*. A sophomore at ECCC, he also serves at Student Body Association Vice-President, Mississippi/Louisiana Regional President of Phi Theta Kappa, Vice-President of the Environmental Club, and is also active in the Warrior Corps and Mu Alpha Theta.

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WEEK OF Sept 30 2002

ECCC Accents

Members of the East Central Community College show choir, the Accents, include (front row, from left) Nathan Evans of Chunky, Steven Irby of Meridian and Lee Dooley of Lake; (second row, from left) Kristin Hedrick of Conehatta, Mary Lois Thomas of Decatur, Dinah Howell of Little Rock, Amy Chamblee and Lisa Chamblee, both of Carthage; and Emily Mayes of Decatur; and (back row) from left) Johnny Jones of Newton, Luke Howell of Little Rock, Damien Wash of Hickory and technicians Chris Moody and Adam McAdorey, both of Louisville. Vickie Blaylock serves as director. (EC Photo)

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Kenna Selected Assistant Editor of East Central C.C. Newspaper

Drew Kenna

Freshman Drew Kenna of Forest was recently selected assistant editor of The Tom Tom, the campus newspaper at East Central Community College in Decatur. An honor graduate of Forest High School, Kenna was named to the FHS Hall of Fame and was selected Mr. Forest High School. He also served as president of the FHS Student Body, the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Kenna was a member of the FHS Beta Club, varsity choir, Madrigal singers and First Priority and attended the Mississippi Governor's School.

A four-year letterman for the FHS baseball team, Kenna was named co-captain and most valuable player for the Bearcats. In addition, he was named All-Scott County, All-Division, second team All-State and All-Star. He is continuing his athletic career as a member of the ECCC Diamond Warrior baseball team.

Kenna is a member of Forest Baptist Church and plans to participate in the ECCC Baptist Student Union.

His parents are Joey and Lynne Kenna of Forest.

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embers of the 2002 East Central Community College Homecoming Court include (from left) freshman maids Mandy Eakes of Philadelphia, kki Anthony and Amy Reed, both of Louisville, and Shelley Johnson of Newton; queen Jennifer Walker d maid of honor Cassie Henson, both of Philadelphia; and sophomore maids Megan Logan of Newton, Lindsey Cheatham of ecatur and Paige Posey of Philadelphia. The court will be presented Saturday, October 19 during halftime ceremonies of the arriors Homecoming game against Hinds Community College. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

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ECCC to induct three into school's Hall of Fam

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College will add three names to its Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday on the Decatur campus.

Former athletic standouts Freddie Bagley (Class of 1972) of Forest, Jim Nabers (Class of 1975) of Louisville and Robert Thomas (Class of 1962) of Philadelphia will be enshrined at the annual Alumni Association Awards Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Bagley was an All-State quarterback who led the Warriors to successive 7-3 campaigns during the 1970 and 1971 seasons. Nabers received honorable mention All-American, All-State and All-Star honors as a punter on the 1974 and 1975 Warrior squads. He was the first signee in 1975 by the defending national champion Oklahoma Sooners and later continued his career at Mississippi State University.

Thomas was an All-American and All-State performer in basketball at East Central, where he was a member of the 1960-61 and 1961-62 teams. He was also a successful basketball coach, compiling an overall record of 283 wins and 88 losses.

East Central will also recognize recipients of other honors, who include Imogene Johnson Borganelli (Class of 1947) of Greenville, Alumna of the Year; Harvey Trapp (Class of 1957) of Newton, Alumnus of the Year; Linda Baucum Pierce (Class of 1968) of Decatur, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Gerald Jordan (Class of 1969) of Carthage, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.

Groups being honored include members of the 1988-2001 baseball teams, c late Jamie Clark; Classes of 19 1959; the Associate Degree Nu Association; the Alumni Bar tralettes; and members of all cl in "2."

For more information contact Development and Alumni Re Central Community College, P Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2 free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327 address is sholling@eccc.cc.ms.

Receive art show awards

These East Central Community College students received various awards during the Spring Juried Art Show,which was on display during April in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Lisa Brantley of Forest, third for "Mexican Vase" in the Ceramics-Hand Built category; Michelle Shaw of Philadelphia, second for "Tea Pot" in Ceramics-Thrown Vessels and honorable mention for "Flower Cross" in Sculpture; and Lindsay Rigdon of Louisville, honorable mention for "Thing #3" in Ceramics-Thrown Vessels. Bruce Guraedy and Todd Eldridge serve as instructors.

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ECCC Freshman Officers

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Freshman class leaders recently selected at East Central Community College in Decatur for 2002-03 are (from left) Rick Lachney, president, of Hickory; Ashley Fleming, vice president, of Philadelphia; Jennifer Carson, secretary, of Decatur; and Samantha Partridge, treasurer, of Noxapater.

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Local students named to ECCC Warrior Corps

From Staff Reports

Eight Winston County students were recently named to the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Those selected include Courtney Puckett and Amy Warner, both of Winston Academy; C. Jae Sullivan and Brandon Walker, both of Nanih Waiya; Daniel Dunlap and Gabe Snow, both of Louisville; Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater; and Rachel Smith of Grace Christian.

A freshman radiology major, Puckett is an honor graduate of Winston Academy where she was a member of the honor society, editor of the annual and named to Who '92s Who Among American High School Students. At East Central, she is a member of the Environmental Club and the annual staff. She is the daughter of James and Norma Puckett of Louisville.

Warner is an honor graduate of Winston Academy where she was named most dependable and most courteous. She received the Henry B. and Faye McCully Hudspeth Scholarship and a Wal-Mart Scholarship to attend East Central. She is a member of the ECCC Baptist Student Union. Warner is the daughter of Bubba and Pat Warner of Louisville.

Sullivan, a sophomore business administration major, is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School where she was named to the Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the Georgia Pacific Scholar Award. She served as class treasurer her freshman and senior years. In addition, she received the Spirit of Junior Miss Award. She is the daughter of Johnny Sullivan and Bonnie Kuhn, both of Louisville.

A freshman liberal arts major, Walker is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School where he received the Tommy Joe Miles Award. At East Central, he is a member of the Warrior tennis team.

He is the son of Ben and Brenda Walker of Louisville.

Dunlap is an honor graduate of Louisville High School where he received the forestry award. A freshman secondary education major, he is a member of the ECCC Baptist Student Union. He is the son of David and Anne Dunlap of McCool.

A freshman pre-medicine major, Snow is a graduate of Louisville High School where he was selected Mr. LHS and class favorite. At East Central, he is a member of the Warrior baseball team, the Baptist Student Union and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, the medical club. He is the son of Neil and Jane Snow of Louisville.

Sanborn is a graduate of Noxapater High School where she was salutatorian, Homecoming Queen and Miss NHS. She was also the recipient of the DAR Citizenship Award. A freshman veterinary medicine major, she is a member of the ECCC Baptist Student Union and the Warrior rodeo team. She is the daughter of Keith and Margaret Sanborn of Noxapater.

A sophomore psychology major, Smith is a graduate of Grace Christian School where she was president of the senior class, vice president of the Beta Club and captain of the softball and volleyball teams. She is the daughter of Pam Smith of Louisville and the late James Smith.

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Homecoming

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Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of American, and Diamond Girls. She was selected Miss LHS and was Lady-In-Waiting during Louisville's annual Homecoming festivities. In addition, she was selected a class favorite and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

At East Central, the cosmetology major is a member of the Baptist Student Union, Diamond Girls and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

Serving as Miss Reed's escort is freshman Gabe Snow, a pre-medicine major and graduate of Louisville High School. His parents are Neil and Jane Snow of Louisville.

Eakes is the daughter of Earnest and Penny Eakes of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Philadelphia High School.

Johnson, daughter of Randy and Jan Johnson of Hickory, is a graduate of Newton High School.

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president of East Central Community College, will crown Homecoming

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East Central Community College announces 2002 Homecoming Court

East Central Community College in Decatur recently announced members of its 2002 Homecoming Court which will be presented Saturday, October 19, during halftime activities of the Warriors' football game against Hinds Community College. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

The 2002 Homecoming queen is Jennifer Walker of Philadelphia. Cassie Henson of Philadelphia will serve as Maid of Honor.

Sophomore maids include Lindsey Cheatham of Decatur, Megan Logan of Newton and Paige Posey of Philadelphia. Freshman maids are Nikki Anthony and Amy Reed, both of Louisville, Mandy Eakes of Philadelphia and Shelley Johnson of Hickory.

Walker is the daughter of Nancy Walker and Barry and Joy Walker, all of Philadelphia.

Henson is the daughter of Charles and Deborah Henson of Philadelphia. Cheatham is the daughter of Steve and Brenda Cheatham of Decatur.

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Logan, daughter of Robert and Michelle Logan of Newton, is a graduate of Newton High School.

Posey is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rudy Posey, Jr. of Philadelphia.

Anthony is the daughter of Thaniel and Dianne Anthony of Louisville.

She is an honor graduate of Louisville High School where she was a member of the Beta Club, Technology Students of America and Health Occupation Students of America. She served as vice president of Future Business Leaders of America and was a member of the color guard for the Wildcat Marching Band.

At East Central, the radiology major is a member of the Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and the color guard for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band.

Escorting Miss Anthony is Will Baskin, a sophomore electrical technology major and a graduate of Noxapater High School. His parents are Bill and Dianne Baskin of Noxapater.

Reed, the daughter of Jeff and Pam Reed of Louisville, is a graduate of Louisville High School where she was a member of Fellowship of

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Richmond Lachney

A freshman pre-nursing major, Lachney is a graduate of Newton County High School. He serves as president of the freshman class

Monica Allen

Allen, a sophomore pre-nursing major, is a graduate of Union High School where

Heather Palmer

A freshman business administration major, Palmer is a graduate of Union High School where she served as president of the student

Dan Henry

Henry is a graduate of Newton County Academy where he served as secretary/treasurer of the Student Council and treasurer of the senior class. He was named Most Likely to Succeed and most dependable, and was the recipient of the citizenship award. In addition, he was a member of Future Business Leaders of America and the honor society. A freshman sports medicine major, he is the son of Danny and Karen Henry of Newton.

Amanda Wyatt

A freshman pre-pharmacy major, Wyatt is a graduate of Newton County Academy where she was selected a Homecoming maid and received various academic awards. She received the La-Z-Boy Scholarship and an ACT scholarship to attend East Central. She is the daughter of Lynne Thrailkill and Jimmy Wyatt, both of Decatur.

Shelley Johnson

Johnson, a freshman liberal arts major, is a graduate of Newton High School where she was valedictorian of her class, a varsity cheerleader and was selected friendliest, most likely to succeed and DAR Good Citizen. She received the Danforth and Balfour awards and held various officer positions. In addition, she was selected Newton County,s Junior Miss. At East Central, Johnson is a member of the Warrior cheerleading squad.

Jennifer Carson

Carson, a freshman music education major, is an honor graduate of Newton County High School where she served as vice president of the Beta Club, was a member of the All-State Choir and was selected most talented in Who's Who elections. At East Central, Carson is a member of the Warrior Wall O, Sound

Kristin Hedrick

Hedrick is a freshman nursing major and graduate of Newton County High School where she was senior class president and secretary of the student body association. She was also a member of the All-State Show Choir and was selected a class favorite. At East Central, she is a member of the Accents show choir and the Centralettes. She is the daughter of Shannon and Wanda Hedrick of Conehatta.

Mary Lois Thomas

Thomas is an honor graduate of Newton County High School where she was vice president of the Beta Club, a member of the student council and the All-State Show Choir, and was named most beautiful her junior year. She was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. At East Central, the freshman psychology major is a member of the Centralettes and the Accents. She is the daughter of Dawn Thomas of Decatur.

Jeremy Hamm

Hamm, a freshman engineering major, is a graduate of Union High School where he was selected Mr. UHS and Most Likely to Succeed and served as secretary of the senior class. At East Central, he is a member of the Warrior Wall O, Sound Marching Band. He is the son of Jerry and Linda Hamm of Union.

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Newton County Students Named To ECCC Warrior Co

Sixteen students representing schools in Newton County were recently named to the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Those selected include Shelley Johnson of Newton High School, Blair Anderson, Jennifer Carson, Krissi Harris, Kristin Hedrick, Richmond Lachney, Kery McDill and Mary Lois Thomas, all of Newton County High School; Monica Allen, Tracey Blackwell, Jeremy Hamm and Heather Palmer, all of Union High School; and Chris Bounds, Katie Ford, Dan Henry and Amanda Wyatt, all of Newton County Academy.

She is the daughter of Randy and Jan Johnson of Newton.

Blair Anderson

A freshman, Anderson is a graduate of Newton County High School where she was salutatorian and vice president of the Beta Club. She was also a member of the All-State Show Choir and was named most dependable during Who's Who elections. At East Central, Anderson is a member of the Centralettes and the Baptist Student Union. She is the daughter of Max and Pat Anderson of Decatur.

Marching Band, EC,s rock-n-roll band the Collegians and the concert choir. She is the daughter of Tom and Brenda Carson of Decatur.

Krissi Harris

An honor graduate of Newton County High School, Harris served as president of the student council, was a member of the Beta Club, the Show Choir and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was co-recipient of the "I Dare You" award. A freshman physical therapy major, she is a member of the ECCC Lady Warrior softball team. She is the daughter of Chris and Pam Harris of Decatur.

and is a member of the Baptist Student Union. He is also a combat medic in the Army National Guard. He is the son of Valerie and Blane Lachney of Hickory.

Kery McDill

McDill, a freshman education major, is a graduate of NewtonCounty High School where she was selected Miss NCHS, Star Student and Most Likely to Succeed. She served as president of the band and the Beta Club. She was also named to the WTOK All-Scholastic Sports Team. At East Central, she is a member of the Centralettes and the tennis team. She is the daughter of Layne and Cathy McDill of Decatur.

she was president of the band and named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. At East Central, the Dean's List scholar is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and serves as head drum major of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. She is the daughter of Sharon Allen of Union and Robert Allen of Quitman.

Tracey Blackwell

Blackwell is a graduate of Union High School where she received the Mississippi Writers Award, family dynamics award, and family and consumer science award. She also received an ACT scholarship to attend ECCC. A freshman liberal arts major, she is the daughter of Ronald and Jan Blackwell of Union.

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East Central Community College Warrior Showdown Rodeo Set October 31- November 2 In Philadelphia

Plans are underway for the fourth annual Warrior Showdown Rodeo, which is scheduled later this month at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Sponsored by East Central Community College's Rodeo Team, the three-day event gets underway at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 31. Competition is also scheduled at the same time on Friday and Saturday. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children. A slack rodeo begins at 9 a.m. Friday and is offered free to the public.

Featured events include bull riding, barrel racing, bareback, saddle bronc, calf roping, steer wrestling and break-a-way roping.

Participating colleges, in addition to ECCC, are 20 teams representing the Ozark Region, which includes Northwest Mississippi Community College, Missouri Valley College, Michigan State University, Southern Arkansas University, University of West Alabama, Murray State, Mississippi State University, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Arkansas State University, Southwest Missouri State University, University of Tennessee at Martin, University of West Alabama, Northwest Muscle Shoals Community College, University of Notre Dame, Arkansas Tech University, Southern Illinois University, University of Georgia, University of Arkansas at Monticello and University of Illinois at Urbana.

ECCC Rodeo Team members are Jamie Andrews and Joseph Lambert, both of Florence; Ashley Blakely of Liberty; Brook Bobo and Benjamin Wilbanks, both of Leake Academy; Caleb Breland and Jacob Breland, both Philadelphia; Heather Cheesman of Hillcre Wes Cowart of McLaurin; Adria Cremen a Lacey Sanborn, both of Noxapater; Isaac Gofo and Donald Joe Nowell, both of Neshoba Centr Lindsey Shaw of Hancock; Chance Smart Vardaman; Natalie Tillman of Union; and Dr Walters of Sylva Bay Academy. Larry Dial serv as coach.

The Warrior Showdown Rodeo is spo sored in part by a grant from the Neshoba Cou Tourism Commission.

For more information contact the ECC Athletic Office, Phone 635-2111 or call toll fre 1-877-462-3222, ext. 310.

'Haunted House Of Hoops' Scheduled October 30 At ECCC

A first look at the 2002-03 East Central Community College basketball squads will be available Wednesday, October 30 when the annual "Haunted House of Hoops" tips off at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Activities get underway at 7 p.m., when area youngsters are invited to "trick or treat" in the gym. Performances by the ECCC cheerleaders and Centralettes begin at 8 p.m., followed by a brief scrimmage featuring the Lady Warriors. Introductions of Lady Warrior and Warrior team members, by respective head coaches Brad Hodge and Billy Smith, are scheduled at 8:30 p.m., with the Warrior scrimmage set to follow at 8:45 p.m. Beginning at 9 p.m., Lady Warrior team members will compete in a three-point shooting contest, followed by a slam-dunk contest featuring members of the Warrior squad.

A Halloween costume contest for the student body is also scheduled, and one lucky student will have an opportunity to receive a tuition scholarship by sinking a bas ket from half-court.

For more information con tact the ECCC Athletic Office Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1 877-462-3222, ext. 310, or contac Coaches Brad Hodge (372) or Bill Smith (243).

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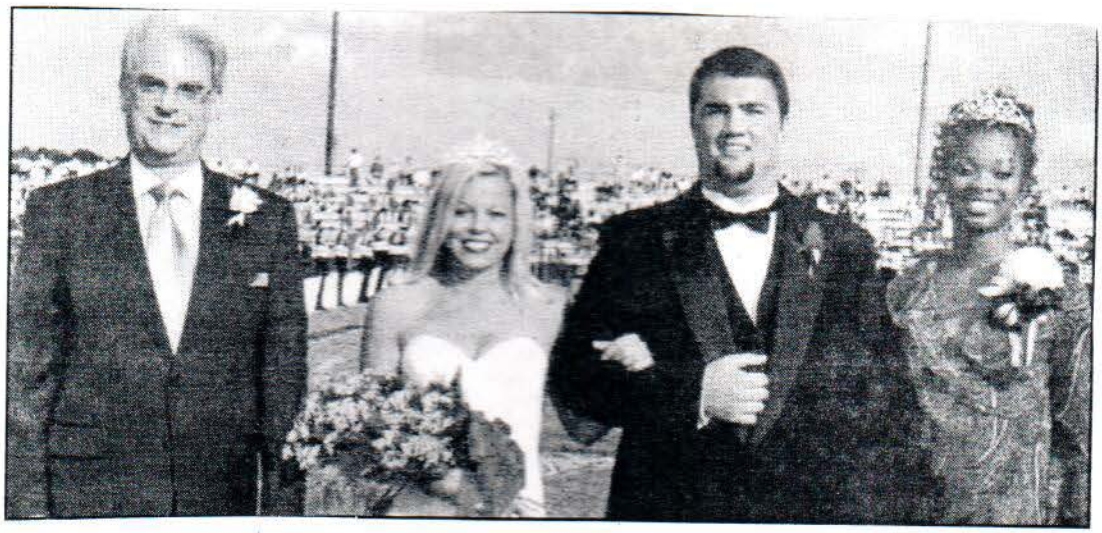

Sophomore Jennifer Walker (second from left) of Philadelphia was crowned Homecoming Queen at East Central Community College during halftime activities of the Warriors' division matchup with Hinds Community College recently in Decatur. Also pictured are (from left) ECCC president Dr. Phil Sutphin, Walker's escort Nathan Stamper of Decatur, and 2001 Queen Melonie Moore of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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East Central Homecoming Court

Members of the 2002 East Central Community College Homecoming Court and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) freshman maids Nikki Anthony and Amy Reed, both of Louisville; Mandy Eakes of Philadelphia and Shelley Johnson of Newton; queen Jennifer Walker of Neshoba Central, maid of honor Cassie Henson of Philadelphia, and sophomore maids Lindsey Cheatham of Philadelphia, Paige Posey of Leake Academy and Megan Logan of Newton; and (back row, from left) escorts Will Baskin of Noxapater, Gabe Snow of Louisville, Jeremy Tune and Zach Thames, both of Newton; Nathan Stamper of Newton County Academy, Bryant Steele of Philadelphia, Will Florence of North Delta Academy, Richard Lee of Leake Academy and Alex Shepard of Sebastopol. The court was presented Saturday, Oct. 19 during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' Homecoming game against Hinds Community College. (EC Photo)

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ECCC student receives art award

East Central Community College sophomore art major Victoria Daniels of Philadelphia won third-place honors in the acrylic painting competition at the annual Central Mississippi Artists Guild Show held at Roosevelt State Park near Morton. Daniels' awarding winning entry is titled "Reflections." She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. (EC Photo)

State Nurses Asso. presents bioterrorism program at EC

Area registered nurses recently attended a program on Bioterrorism presented by the Mississippi Nurses Association, District 15, and held at the Associate Degree Nursing Building at East Central Community College in Decatur. District 15 is comprised of Leake, Neshoba, Newton and Scott counties.

Dr. Ann Whitehurst, associate professor in the area of infectious diseases at the University of Mississippi Medical School, was guest speaker. The program was provided through the Bioterrorism Department of Infectious Diseases of the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Representatives from area hospitals also informed the group of efforts at respective facilities in preparing for various forms of Bioterrorism. In attendance were Margie Majure, Director of Nursing at Scott Regional Hospital in Morton, who also represented Scott County Emergency Preparedness; Pam Rigdon, assistant Director of Nursing at Alliance Laird of Union; and Cheryl Allen from Rush Hospital in Meridian.

Brenda Kirby of Forest and Dana Dear of Enterprise, nursing instructors at ECCC, serve District 15 as president and vice president, respectively.

Sandra Thomas of Chunky, Licensed Practical Nursing instructor at Meridian Community College, serves as treasurer, and Juanita Graham of Conehatta is secretary.

District 15 nurses will participate in the annual convention of the Mississippi Nurses Association at the Gulf Coast Convention Center Oct. 22-25. Kirby, Sherri Cantey of Meridian and Cheryl Allen of Chunky will serve as delegates.

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ECCC Phi Theta Kappa inductees

Twenty-one new members were inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, during the fall semester. They included (first row from left) Maranda Burks of Philadelphia, Dawn Cotton of Decatur, Kelly Cumberland of Philadelphia, Chris Davis of Louisville and Eric Gunn of Forest; (second row from left) Elizabeth Jones of Collinsville, Dana Massey of Decatur, Kyle Miller of Preston, Linda Moody of Walnut Grove and Lori Nichols of Union; (third row from left) Brody Perkins of Carthage, Cole Pope of Forest, Vickie Powe of Walnut Grove, Alex Shepard of Sebastopol and Kristin Swindle of Louisville; and (back row from left) Jennifer Walker of Philadelphia, Amy Wilkerson of Picayune, Stephen Goodlow and Todd Butler, both of Forest; and Richard Walker of Hickory. Not pictured is Amy Campora of Newton.

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Named To ECCC's ADN Hall of Fame

Beth Wedgeworth (left) of Forest and Bobby Martin of Carthage were recently named to the Associate Degree Nursing Hall of Fame at East Central Community College in Decatur. They received the honor at the September meeting of the Association of Students Nurses (ASNEC) at the College. To qualify for the prestigious honors, students must meet the following criteria: maintain a 3.0 grade point average, demonstrate leadership in the nursing organization, provide assistance to classmates and colleagues in a professional manner, be actively involved in the student nursing organization as well as other campus activities, and promote the image of nursing through their actions.

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Lead ECCC Nursing Organization

Selected to serve as officers for the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College in Decatur are, seated from left, Beth Wedgeworth, president, and Kimberly Hancock, vice president, both of Forest; and standing from left, Shancey Young, secretary, of Forest; Dawn Bailey, treasurer, and Heather Cater, reporter, both of Decatur. Sponsors are Associate Degree Nursing instructors Dana Dear and Tammie Edwards.

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EC Warrior Showdown Rodeo rides today in Philadelphia

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Leaders for the East Central Community College Presidents Council were recently selected for the 2002-03 College term. Seated from left are Chris Carson, vice president, of Decatur; Charles Wood, president, of Louisville; and Natalie Duncan, secretary, of Lake. Standing from left are Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC President. The Presidents Council is composed of representatives of various campus organizations. Its purpose is to maintain communications between the student organizations and the President's Office.

These members of the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College (ASNEC) in Decatur were recently to serve as second-year delegates for the organization's state convention scheduled later this month in Biloxi. From left are Associate Degree Nursing students Beth Wedgeworth and Narja Bryce both of Forest; Tammy Faulkner and Lu Ann Gould, both of Morton; and Darlene Thomas of Noxapater.

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WEEK OF Nov 11, 2002

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PREPARING THE SHOW

Sophomore Kenneth White of Newton applies the final touches of his charcoal drawing in preparation for the annual East Central Community College Fall Art Show scheduled Thursday from 6:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the Decatur campus. Artwork from 16 students of instructor Bruce Guraedy will be on display in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center. Also featured will be the works of 19 students who are enrolled in Guraedy's ceramic classes. There is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be served.

Students' artwork highlights fall show

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The Collegians, East Central Community Collge's rock and roll band, will present their annual fall campus concert at 8 p.m. Monday, November 18, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

The popular group will perform hits by John Mayer, No Doubt, Craig David, Sara Evans and many more! Special guests will be the band Six Ways From Sunday. There is no charge for admission.

Members of the Collegians include vocalists Jennifer Carson, Chris Carson and Damein Wash, all of Newton County; Natalie Tanksley of Sebastopol and Kristin Thornton and April Ellis, both of Edinburg; technicians Lucas Pope and Bozeman, both of Neshoba Bryon Whitley of Philadelp Coper of Newton Count Polizzi of Meridian and Luc of Union; keyboardist Emily Newton County, guitaris Moody of Nanih Waiya; bass Grant Morris and trumpe McAdory, both of Neshoba saxophonist Amanda Thor Louisville, trumpeter Richar and trombonist David Walter Philadelphia; and drumme Jones of Newton. Thomas W serves as director and also p tar.

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East Central Men's Rodeo Team Places Fourth at Warrior Showdown

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The University of Tennesee-Martin captured the men's competition with 390 points. Other top finishers included the University of West Alabama (375), Missouri Valley College (205), ECCC (180), Troy State University (105), Southern Arkansas University (85), Faulkner State Community College (80), Michigan State University (60), Southwest Missouri State University (55) and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Jamie Andrews of Florence led the ECCC women by placing third in breakaway roping.

Missouri Valley College won the women's competition with 225 points. Other top finishers were Northwest Mississippi Community College (115), Troy State University (85), Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (80), Murray State University (65), Southwest Missouri State University (50), University of Tennessee-Martin (40) and Mississippi State University (30).

Following its successful finish in the Warrior Showdown, the East Central men's team is tied for fifth with Southern Arkansas University in the Ozark Region following competition in four rodeos.

Both teams have accumulated 335 points, compared to first-place University of West Alabama, which has 1,465 points.

The Lady Warriors are in ninth place with 60 points. The women's group is led by Missouri Valley College with 940 points.

ECCC team members who are ranked in region competition as of November 4 include Daniel Moore of Nanih Waiya, ninth, saddle bronc riding and third, team roping heeler; Chance Smart of Vardaman, fourth, and Drew Walters of Sylvia Bay Academy, ninth, bull riding; Billy Mack Kinard of West Lauderdale, fifth, and Jacob Breland of Philadelphia, fifteenth, team roping header; Jamie Andrews of Florence, ninth, breakaway roping and thirteenth, goat tying; and Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater, tenth, breakaway roping.

Larry Dial serves as coach of the ECCC Rodeo Team, which concludes 2002 competition at Murray State in Kentucky November 21-23. Action resumes at Mississippi State University February 20-23, 2003.

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Tickets to EC's 'Bus Stop' go on sale

Tickets are now on sale to the East Central Community College dinner theatre production of William Inge's Bus Stop, scheduled at 7 p.m. Nov. 21-23 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Admission is $15 per person.

Cast members are Jill Clanton (Cheri) of Lawrence, Leslie Middlebrook (Grace) of Meridian, Laura Shook (Elma) of Newton, Lee Dooley (Bo) of Lake, Josh Hall (Virge) of Morton, Kiel May (Will) of Vicksburg, Joshua Ray (Carl) of Carthage and Adam Huffman (Dr. Lyman) of Philadelphia.

Crew members include Amanda Sanders, assistant director, of Carthage; Heather Neese, prop mistress, of Meridian; and Casey Smith, technical director, of Louisville.

Regina Rigby of Forest serves as play director and ECCC English instructor George Vaughn is production director.

The menu for each night's performance includes barbecue chicken breasts, country fried steaks, Swedish meatballs, fried mozzarella cheese sticks, Italian green beans, baked beans, creamed potatoes, buttered rolls, chocolate pie/lemon ice box pie/pecan pie, tea and coffee.

For ticket information call 1-877-462-3222.

ECCC Rodeo Team

Members of the East Central Community College rodeo team include (kneeling from left) Jamie Andrews of Florence, Heather Cheesman of Jackson, Ashley Blakely of Goldvein, Virginia, and Lindsey Shaw of Perkinston; (second row, from left) D.J. Nowell of Philadelphia, Joseph Lambert of Monticello, Billy Mac Kinard of Meridian, Drew Walters of Montrose, Isaac Goforth and Matthew Burks, both of Philadelphia, and coach Larry Dial of Livingston, Alabama; and (top row, from left) Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater, Daniel Moore of Louisville, Kasidi Griffin of Newton, Chance Smart of Vardaman, Natalie Tillman of Union and Jacob Breland of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Adria Creemen of Noxapater.

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WEEK OF Nov 11

NAA officers

These students are serving as officers of the Native American Association at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Charisity Dixon, president, of Carthage; Amanda Reed, vice president, of Philadelphia; Olivia Evans, secretary-treasurer, of Carthage; and Ben Stephens, reporter, of Philadelphia. Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood serve as sponsors.

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WEEK OF Nov 11

EC Collegians concert set

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EC choir to present 'Portrait of America'

The East Central Community College Concert Choir will present their annual fall concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

The special presentation, titled, "Portrait of America," is a program of American choral literature, according to Len Bobo, concert choir director. The narration was written by Tony Kinton, ECCC English instructor, and will be ready by College President Dr. Phil Sutphin and Vice-President for Instruction, Dr. Lavinia Sparkman.

In addition to the narrative, the performance also includes a state set designed by sophomore Sarah Cole of Union. Assistant band director, Jared Brownlee, will be featured on the conga drums and the College's brass quartet will also perform.

Leesa Wilkinson serves as piano accompanist and sophomore Natalie Duncan of Lake serves as student accompanist.

Selections to be presented include folk tunes "Down to the River to Pray" arranged by Sheldon Curry and "Americana" (a folk song suite) arranged by Luigi Zaninelli; "Frostiana" (Seven Country Songs) by Randall Thompson which is based on the poetry of Robert Frost, "Three Madrigals", an American tribute to Shakespeare by Emma Lou Diemer; "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," a patriotic selection by Irvin Berlin; spirituals, "Keep Your Lamps" arranged by Andre Thomas and "The Word Was God" by Rosephanye Powell; and Appalachian Folk Traditions "Zion's Walls" adapted by Aaron Copland, "Death Shall Not Destroy My Comfort" and "Saints Bound for Heaven," both arranged by Mack Wilberg; and "Joy in the Morning" by Natalie Sleeth.

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WEEK OF Nov 11, 2002

To present 'Bus Stop' at ECCC

Cast members for the East Central Community College production of William Inge's Bus Stop are shown prior to a recent rehearsal on the Decatur campus. The dinner theater presentation is scheduled November 21-23 at 7 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Front row, from left are Adam Huffman of Philadelphia, Leslie Middlebrook of Meridian, Jill Clanton of Lawrence, Laura Shook of Newton and Joshua Ray of Carthage. In back are Kiel May (left) of Vicksburg and Lee Dooley of Lake. Regina Rigby of Forest serves as director and ECCC English instructor George Vaughn is production director. Tickets are $15. To purchase tickets call 1-877-462-3222. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov 11

ECCC Gospel Choir sets Nov. 20 concert

East Central Community College's Gospel Choir will present its fall concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Decatur campus. There is no charge for admission.

The talented group is under the direction of ECCC staff member Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence.

ECCC Board of Trustees member Delane Hudson of Louisville will serve as guest speaker.

Also scheduled is a performance by the Meridian Community College Gospel Choir, directed by the Rev. Scottie Cole.

Office seekers

Three Associate Degree Nursing students at East Central Community College in Decatur are preparing to run for state office at the annual Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN) convention scheduled later this month. From left are Darlene Thomas of Noxapater, incumbent candidate for ADN representative; Bobby Martin of Carthage, who is campaigning for second vice president; and Beth Wedgeworth of Forest, who is seeking office of first vice president. If elected, the students will also serve on the MASN Board for 2003.

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WEEK OF Nov 18

ECCC choir to present 'Portrait of America'

The East Central Community College Concert Choir will present their annual fall concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25 in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

The special presentation, titled "Portrait of America,"is a program of American choral literature, according to Len Bobo, concert choir director. The narration was written by Tony Kinton, ECCC English instructor, and will be read by College President Dr. Phil Sutphin and Vice President for Instruction Dr. Lavinia Sparkman.

In addition to the narrative, the performance also includes a stage set designed by sophomore Sarah Cole of Union. Assistant band director Jared Brownlee will be featured on the conga drums and the college's brass quartet will also perform. Leesa Wilkinson serves as piano accompanist and sophomore Natalie Duncan of Lake serves as student accompanist. Selections to be presented include folk tunes "Down to the River to Pray" arranged by Sheldon Curry and "Americana" (A Folk Song Suite) arranged by Luigi Zaninelli; "Frostiana" (Seven Country Songs) by Randall Thompson which is based on the poetry of Robert Frost, "Three Madrigals," an American tribute to Shakespeare by Emma Lou Diemer; "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," a patriotic selection by Irvin Berlin; spirituals "Keep Your Lamps" arranged by Andre Thomas and "The Word Was God" by Rosephanye Powell; and Appalachian Folk Traditions "Zion's Walls" adapted by Aaron Copland, "Death Shall Not Destroy My Comfort" and "Saints Bound for Heaven," both arranged by Mack Wilberg; and "Joy in the Morning" by Natalie Sleeth.

ECCC set to host tournament

East Central Community College will hold a two-day junior college basketball tournament Monday (Nov. 25) and Tuesday (Nov. 26) at ECCC's Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building in Decatur.

Games are slated for 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day.

Monday, Jones and Holmes meet in the afternoon games, with ECCC taking on Itawamba in the 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. contests.

Tuesday, Jones and Itawamba battle early and East Central takes on Holmes beginning at 6 and 8 p.m.

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ECCC Phi Beta Lambda officers

Selected to lead the Phi Beta Lambda organization at East Central Community College in Decatur are the above business majors who include (seated from left) Shalonda Buckley, president, of Philadelphia; Jessica Brock, vice president, of Edinburg; and Brandy Johnson, secretary, of Philadelphia, and (standing from left) Ashley Ogletree, reporter, of Sebastopol; Chris Clark, treasurer, of Louisville; and Michael Townsend, parliamentarian, of Lena. (EC Photo)

ECCC hosts Jones, Itawamba, Holmes teams in annual tourney

Plenty of hoop action can be seen Monday, Nov. 25 and Tuesday, Nov. 26 when East Central Community College hosts its annual tournament at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Teams participating in this year's event include juco squads from Jones County, Itawamba, Holmes and East Central.

Competition gets underway at 2 p.m. Monday featuring the Jones and Holmes women, followed at 4 p.m. by the men,s squads from both colleges. East Central women take on Itawamba at 6 p.m., and the ECCC and Itawamba men tangle at 8 p.m.

The schedule for Tuesday has Jones and Itawamba women at 2 p.m., with the Jones and Itawamba men set to battle at 4 p.m. EC's Lady Warriors meet the Holmes women at 6 p.m., and EC,s Warriors will challenge the Holmes men at 8 p.m.

For more information contact ECCC coaches Brad Hodge (women) or Billy Smith (men), Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 372 or 243.

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Receive work experience through ECCC program

East Central Community College sophomores Jeremy McNair (top left photo) and Barry Nowell (top right photo), both of Philadelphia are among participants in the college's Work-Based Learning Program, which provides vocational-technical students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while pursuing degrees in their chosen fields of study. McNair, whose major is computer programming and network technology, works about 22 hours a week for the Neshoba County School District in addition to attending classes at East Central. McNair is shown performing computer maintenance work under the watchful eyes of Steve Nelson (second from left), Neshoba County Superintendent of Education; Jason Mayo, technology coordinator for the county school district; and Jeff Hitt, ECCC Work-Based Learning Coordinator. Nowell, whose major is drafting and design technology, works about 30 hours a week for Randy Watkins (at right), owner of Randy Watkins Construction in Philadelphia, in addition to attending classes at East Central. Nowell is shown caulking a mantle in a house being built by Watkins Construction in rural Neshoba County. Also looking on is Jeff Hitt, ECCC Work-Based Learning Coordinator. Area businesses and industries interested in taking advantage of the Work-Based Learning Program should contact Hitt at the college's Workforce Development Center. Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 305. (EC Photo)

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WALL O' SOUND MARCHING BAND

East Central Community College's 2003 Wall O' Sound Marching Band includes a number of students from Lauderdale County. In the first row, from left, are: Steve Irby, a graduate of Southeast Lauderdale; Heather Neese, West Lauderdale; Lamar Johnson, Southeast Lauderdale; Andy Polizzi, Meridian; and Josh Murphy, Southeast Lauderdale. In the second row are: Elizabeth Harrell, West Lauderdale; Steve Harrison and Amon Shields, both of Meridian; and David Bayles and Matt Carroll, both of West Lauderdale. Thomas W. Carson, not pictured, is the band direct

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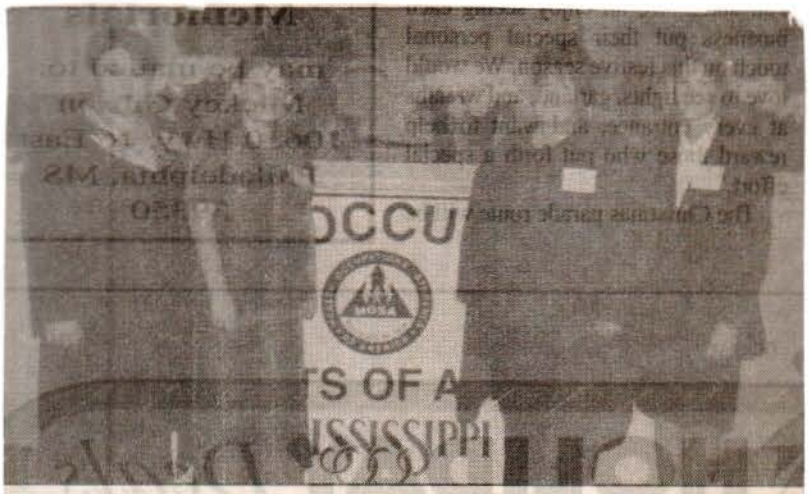

ECCC students selected state HOSA leaders

These students enrolled in various health-related programs at East Central Community College in Decatur were selected to serve as Central District officers of the Mississippi HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) organization for 2002-03. The election was held at the annual State HOSA Fall Leadership Conference hosted by ECCC. From left are licensed practical nursing majors Sheila Baysinger, vice president and Tara Long, historian/reporter, both of Philadelphia, and Rebekah Alawine, secretary/treasurer, of Morton; and surgical technology major Miranda Perkins, Central District representative, of Eupora. More than 800 students representing secondary and post-secondary HOSA chapters attended the one-day meeting. (EC Photo)

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East Central Rodeo Team is among Top Finishers

East Central Community College's Rodeo Team placed among the top finishers following competition held November 21-23 at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky.

The Warriors finished second overall and the Lady Warriors were third in the three-day event, which included 20 teams representing the Ozark Region.

Chance Smart of Vardaman won the Bull Riding competition, and Billy Mack Kinard of West Lauderdale teamed with Daniel Moore of Nanih Waiya to claim the top prize in Team Roping.

Also winning honors in the men's division were Drew Walters of Sylva Bay Academy, who placed third in Bull Riding, and Matthew Burks, who finished tenth in the event.

In the women's division, Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater placed first in Break Away Roping and Natalie Tillman of Union came in seventh in the same event. Kasidi Griffin of Newton County Academy was second in Barrel Racing.

Larry Dial serves as coach of the ECCC Rodeo Team.

East Central resumes rodeo competition February 20-22, 2003, at Mississippi State University.

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ECCC drum majors

Monica Allen (left) of Union is serving as drum major of the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band. Allen, who was assistant drum major last year, is a graduate of Union High School where she received All-Superior ratings in leading the Yellow Jacket Band at marching contests her senior year. She is the daughter of Robert Allen of Quitman and Sharon Allen of Union. At right is Dian Walters of Philadelphia, who serves as assistant drum major. Walters earned superior ratings last year in leading the Tornado Band. In addition, she received honors as a clarinetist, having been chosen for the Mississippi Lions All-State Band. She is the daughter of Lola Walters of Philadelphia. Thomas W. Carson serves as band director. (EC Photo)

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Newton County ECCC Band Members

These students from Newton County are members of the 2002 East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band. First row, from left, are Heather Palmer, Union; Keri McDill, Blair Anderson and Whitney Harris, all of Newton County; Monica Allen, Union; Kristin Rice, Newton County Academy; and Claudia Zynosky-Sharpling, Mary Lois Thomas and Kristin Hedrick, all of Newton County. Second row, from left are Ryan Loper, Luke Howell, Austin Griffin, Chris Carson, Dinah Howell, Jennifer Carson and Kristal Burton, all of Newton County. Third row, from left, are Josh Doyle and Allen Davis, both of Newton County; Megan Logan of Newton; Shellie Keyes and Tasha Hall, both of Newton County; and Amberly Bogan and Johnny Jones, both of Newton. Fourth row, from left are Jeremy Hamm, Union; Jonathan Walker, Newton County; Lucas Quinn, Union; Emily Mayes, Newton County; Billy Johnson, Newton; and Brad Sutphin, Newton County. Fifth row, from left are Jacob King, Newton County; Jeff Pates, Decatur; Yolanda Johnson, Newton County; Quintisa Moncrief, Newton; and Alan Williams and Lester Miles, both of Newton County. Sixth row, from left are Dana Massey, Newton County; Robin Page, Union; Alyssa Ford, Newton County; Falind Pace, Newton; and Kristen Gardner, Newton County. Seventh row, from left are Juston Dean and Kevin Comans, both of Newton County; and Franklin Lewis, Newton. Thomas W. Carson serves as band director. (EC Photo)

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Members include (front row, from left) Nathan Evans of Chunky, Steven Irbyof Meridian and Lee Dooley of Lake; (second row, from left) Kristin Hedrick of Conehatta, Mary Lois Thomas of Decatur, Dinah Howell of Little Rock, Amy Chamblee and Lisa Chamblee, both of Carthage; and Emily Mayes of Decatur;and (back row, from left) Johnny Jones of Newton, Luke Howell of Little Rock, Damein Wash of Hickory and technicians Chris Moody and Adam McAdorey, both of Louisville. Vicki Blaylock serves as director.

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Scott County ECCC Band Members

The 2002 edition of the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band includes the above students from Scott County. First row, from left, are Haley Waggoner, Jessica Fedrick, Austin Lloyd and Stephanie Winstead, all of Morton; Jennifer Adcock, Forest; and Jason Price, Sebastopol. Second row, from left, are Krystal Moore, Adrian Moore and Lee Dooley, all of Lake; Miranda Cooper, Scott Central; and Kathy Rushing, Sebastopol. Third row, from left, are Amanda Alford, Latrice Spivey and Heather Hanks, all of Forest; and Amanda Holloway, Todd Butler and Claudia Patrick, all of Sebastopol. Thomas W. Carson serves as band director. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 2

ECCC Ac'cents to perform Dec. 5

East Central Community College's show choir, the Ac'cents, will perform their fall campus concert Dec. 5 in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Members include (front row, from left) Nathan Evans of Chunky; Steven Irby of Meridian; and Lee Dooley of Lake; (second row, from left) Kristin Hedrick of Conehatta; Mary Lois Thomas of Decatur; Dinah Howell of Little Rock; Amy Chamblee and Lisa Chamblee, both of Carthage; and Emily Mayes of Decatur; and (back row, from left) Johnny Jones of Newton, Luke Howell of Little Rock, Damein Wash of Hickory and technicians Chris Moody and Adam McAdorey, both of Louisville. Vicki Blaylock serves as director. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 2

ECCC Rodeo Teams Ranked Among Best In Ozark Region

East Central Community College's rodeo teams are ranked among the best in region competition at the midway mark of the 2002-03 season, according to results provided by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

The Warriors are currently in fourth place, while the EC women's team is ranked eighth in the Ozark Region, which includes 14 colleges and universities from throughout the Southeast. Results are following competition at Missouri Valley College, Southern Arkansas University, University of West Alabama, ECCC (Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia) and Murray State University.

Several members of each team are also ranked in their respective categories.

Daniel Moore of Nanih Waiya is rated first in the team roping heeler event and is in ninth place in saddle bronc riding. Billy Mack Kinard of West Lauderdale has the top spot in the team roping header competition. In bull riding, Chance Smart of Vardaman is in third place and Drew Walters of Louin is ranked eighth.

Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater is rated fourth in breakaway roping and Jamie Andrews of Florence is in tenth place in the same event. Kasidi Griffin of Newton is ranked fifteenth in barrel racing.

Larry Dial serves as coach.

East Central resumes competition February 20-22, 2003, at Mississippi State University.

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WEEK OF Dec 4

Leake County ECCC band members

The 2002 edition of the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band includes the above students from Leake County. First row, from left, are Brooke Dorman, Edinburg; Corli Burns and Anita Griffin, both of Carthage; and Andrea Walker, Edinburg. second row, from left, are Lora Jayroe, Amy Chamblee and Jada Billingsley, all of Carthage, and Amanda Sanders, South Leake. Third row, from left, are Thomas Comfort and Terrance Smith, both of Carthage; Lee Faucette, Leake Academy; and Leshandria Luckett and Kim Hayes, both of Carthage. Thomas W. Carson serves as band director. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 2

ECCC ADN students named delegates to convention

These East Central Community College Associate Degree Nursing students were recently elected first-year delegates to the Association of Student Nurses state convention scheduled in October in Biloxi. From left are Kimberly Hancock of Taylorsville, Brecken Rush and Deanna Gunn, both of Carthage; and Jennifer Watkins of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Rodeo Team

Members of the East Central Community College rodeo team include (kneeling from left) Jamie Andrews of Florence, Heather Cheesman of Jackson, Ashley Blakely of Goldvein, Virginia, and Lindsey Shaw of Perkinston; (second row, from left) D.J. Nowell of Philadelphia, Joseph Lambert of Monticello, Billy Mac Kinard of Meridian, Drew Walters of Montrose, Isaac Goforth and Matthew Burks, both of Philadelphia, and coach Larry Dial of Livingston, Alabama; and (top row, from left) Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater, Daniel Moore of Louisville, Kasidi Griffin of Newton, Chance Smart of Vardaman, Natalie Tillman of Union and Jacob Breland of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Adria Creemen of Noxapater. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Beauties and Beaus

These students were recently crowned beauties and beaus in the annual East Central Community College pageant. Pictured are, from left, Ashton Currie of Morton, Robby Carey and Mary Lois Thomas, both of Decatur; Chris Gordon of Union, most beautiful Lindsey Posey of Philadelphia, most handsome Billy Johnson of Newton, Claudia Zynosky-Sharpling and Mark Walker, both of Decatur; and Ashley Buckman of Bay Springs.

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WEEK OF Dec 4

ECCC Drum Line ~ Above are members of the drum line for the 2002 East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band. Kneeling from left are Amon Shields, Meridian; Lester Miles, Newton County; Kyle McDill, Louisville; Katie Palmer, Pearl; Alan Williams, Newton County; David Bayles, West Lauderdale; Shelby Anderson, Raleigh; Greg Duncan, Neshoba Central; Steve Harrison, Meridian; and Jason Price, Sebastopol. Standing from left are Janna Nowell, Neshoba Central; Lashandrea Luckett, Carthage; Gary Hathorn, Bassfield; Lamar Johnson, Southeast Lauderdale; Matt Carroll, West Lauderale; Johnny Jones, Newton; Jeff Pates, Ocean Springs; Emily Mayes, Newton County; Sheena Lampley, Carthage; and Lee Dooley, Lake. Jared Brownlee serves as drum line director. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Nursing

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ECCC Nursing Students Elected to State Office

Several students enrolled in East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program were recently elected to serve in various capacities on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses. From left are Beth Wedgeworth of Forest, first vice president; Bobby Martin of Carthage, second vice president; Darlene Thomas of Noxapater, ADN representative south; and Kimberly Hancock of Forest, who was selected director of Pulse Point, the MASN newspaper. Not pictured is Melissa Tindol of Philadelphia, a 2002 graduate of the College's ADN program, who was selected consultant. The officers were chosen at the annual MASN Convention held recently on the Gulf Coast.

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ECCC Band Managers

Serving as managers for the 2002 edition of the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band are, from left, Corli Burns of Carthage; Juston Dean and Kevin Comans, both of Newton County; Kevin Temple of Newton; and Chris Moody of Nanih Waiya; and top row, from left, Austin Lloyd of Morton and Jereme Hoover of Jackson. Thomas W. Carson serves as band director. (EC Photo)

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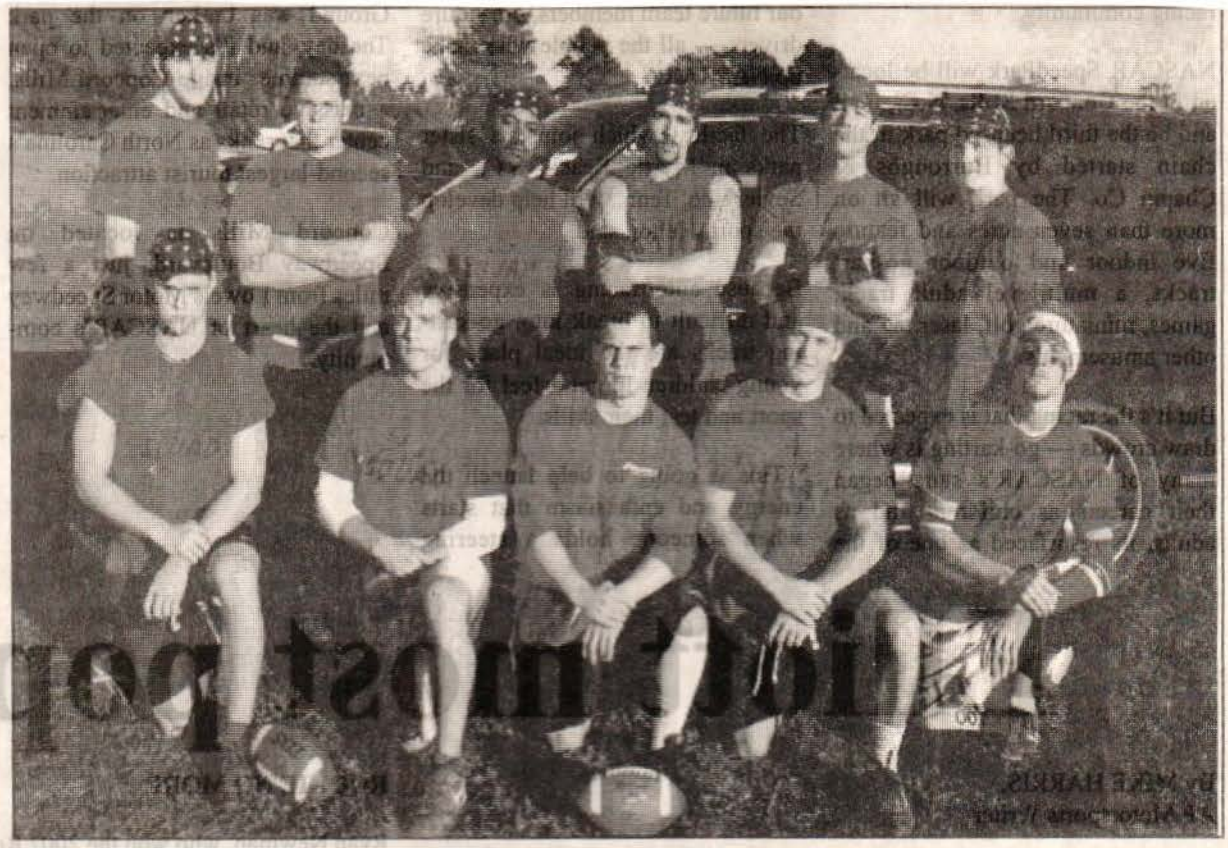

ECCC Flag Football Champions

"DA Squad" won top honors in the annual flag football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Luke Culpepper of Carthage, Gareth Henry of Forest, Joel Manuel of Edinburg, Ryan Crick of Louisville and Jason Massey of Lake; and (standing from left) Todd Butler of Morton, Jacob Munsell of Carthage, Gerald Keeton and Michael Pilgrim, both of Morton; Derek Dunn of Philadelphia and Lee Beard of Morton. Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Color Guard

Color guard members for the 2002 East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band include (seated from left) Amanda Sanders, South Leake; Nikki Anthony, Louisville; Quintissa Moncrief, Newton; and Ashley Brown and Ashley Thomas, both of Philadelphia; (kneeling from left) Danielle Carter, Neshoba Central; Jessica Fedrick, Morton; and Dana Massey and Yolanda Johnson, both of Newton County; and (standing from left) Delisa Jenkins, Louisville; Stephanie Winstead, Morton; Adrienne Flowers, Carthage; Natasha Foster, Philadelphia; Kristen Gardner and Alyssa Ford, both of Newton County; Falind Pace, Newton; Amanda Clark, Neshoba Central; Robin Page, Union; and Heather Neese, West Lauderdale. Ricardo Robinson serves as color guard instructor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC rodeo teams wins honors at Murray State

East Central Community College's Rodeo Team placed among the top finishers following competition held Nov. 21-23 at Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

The Warriors finished second overall and the Lady Warriors were third in the three-day event, which included 20 teams representing the Ozark Region.

Chance Smart of Vardaman won the Bull Riding competition, and Billy Mack Kinard of West Lauderdale teamed with Daniel Moore of Nanih Waiya to claim the top prize in Team Roping.

Also winning honors in the men's division were Drew Walters of Sylva Bay Academy, who placed third in Bull Riding, and Matthew Burks, who finished 10th in the event.

In the women's division, Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater placed first in Break Away Roping and Natalie Tillman of Union came in seventh in the same event. Kasidi Griffin of Newton County Academy was second in Barrel Racing.

East Central resumes rodeo competition Feb. 20-22, 2003, at Mississippi State University.

ECCC sweeps Pearl River

East Central Community College's Warriors beat Pearl River 81-77 Thursday in Decatur.

ECCC, 6-4, got 25 points from Corey Hornsby, 14 each from Demario Qualls and Donzel Crenshaw, 10 from Brandon Mason, and eight from Desmond Jones.

• **EC women 65, Pearl River 56:** ECCC, 7-3, got 15 points from Rita Birden, 14 apiece from Lenore Gray and Tamekia Foley, and seven from Monica Overstreet.

Both ECCC teams are off until after the Christmas break.

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Neshoba students named to Who's Who at ECCC

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Receive ECCC Cheerleader Awards

These members of the East Central Community College cheerleading squad received honors at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. From left are Nathan Stamper of Decatur, Academic Award; Jennifer Walker of Philadelphia and Lindsey Cheatham of Decatur, Co-Captain Awards; and Brodie Perkins of Carthage, Academic Award. Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, and Carrie Underwood, cheerleader sponsor, presented the awards. (EC Photo)

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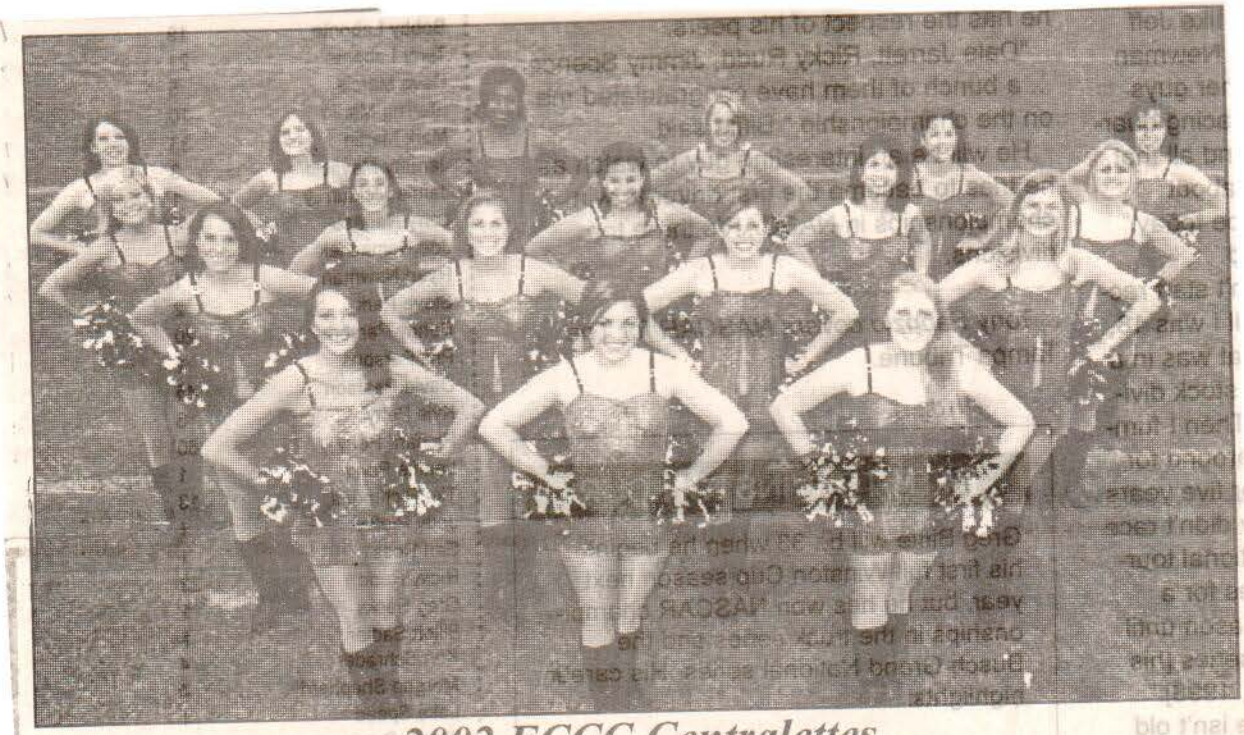

2002 ECCC Centralettes

Members of the East Central Community College Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, and their respective high schools are (front row, from left) Claudia Zynosky-Sharpling of Newton County, Sandy Keene of Union and Carrie Cumberland of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Andrea Walker of Edinburg, Beth Pearson of Nanih Waiya, Whitney Harris of Newton County and Kristen Rice of Newton County Academy; (third row, from left) Haley Waggoner of Morton, Liz Kirk of Nanih Waiya and Mary Lois Thomas, Blair Anderson and Kristin Hedrick, all of Newton County; and (back row, from left) Heather Palmer of Union, Brittany Young of Winston Academy, Dana Buckley of Union, Rachel Carter of Winston Academy, Kery McDill of Newton County and Brooke Dorman of Edinburg. Lori Muse serves as choreographer. (EC Photo)

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ECCC students tapped for math club

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WEEK OF Dec 30

Finding familiar

Locals find success at community college

• Registration for Spring Classes scheduled January 3, 2003

From press reports

Registration for the 2003 spring semester at East Central Community College in Decatur will be held Friday, January 3, announced Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services.

Killens said registration activities are scheduled between 8 and 8:30 a.m. in Room 60 of Newton Hall. An orientation session for new students is also planned. In addition, new students will take assessment tests and have the opportunity to meet with advisors and complete their spring class schedules.

A complimentary lunch will be served to all students.

Killens said the day's activities should conclude by 3 p.m.

Classes begin Monday, January 6.

For more information contact Student Services, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375.

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Co-Lin women lead JUCO tennis

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

Three schools were within two points of the lead at the end of the first day in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College State/Region 23 Division II Tennis Tournament which is being held at Northeast Tennis Center.

Ten teams are competing in the event hosted by Meridian Community College.

Copiah-Lincoln led at the end of Friday's play with 11 points. Itawamba was second with 10, while Meridian was in third place with nine. Also competing are Hinds (7), Pearl River (6), Jones (4), East Central (3), Holmes (1), Gulf Coast (0), and Southwest (0).

Action resumes today at 10:30 a.m. with singles finals set for 9:30 a.m. and doubles at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Co-Lin has qualified for the semifinal round in eight of the nine events. Meridian and Itawamba have qualified in six events each, while Pearl River has qualified in four.

The teams compete in six groups of singles play and three groups of doubles play.

"We've got a three-day tournament and Saturday's play will begin to really shape things up," Meridian coach Wanda McPhail said. "Co-Lin has someone still playing in every bracket and we have someone in everything except the No. 5 singles. Itawamba still has several people in the brackets.

"As we begin to eliminate people (today), things will really begin to shape up. The top two teams will advance to (NJCAA) nationals at College Station, Texas, May 3. We'd love to win this tournament, but second isn't bad. We just want to go to nationals if we can. The girls have worked hard.

"There are a lot of local girls playing in this, not all of them for MCC. Britney Peek Whitaker from Jones played her high school tennis at Meridian."

In No. 1 singles quarterfinal matches, Co-Lin's Lindsey Phillips beat Pearl River's Leigh McCombs 6-3, 6-2; Whitaker of Jones knocked off East Central's Tori Tijerina 6-0, 6-1; Meridian's Charlotte Heidelberg bested Southwest's Tara Rhodus 6-1, 6-1; and Itawamba's Brittnay Scott beat Hinds' Lura Winkler 6-0, 6-3. Tijerina beat Holmes' Leslie Bierstine 6-2, 6-3 and Winkler defeated Gulf Coast's Amber Garvey 6-0, 6-1 in opening round play.

In No. 2 singles quarterfinals, Co-Lin's Hollie Adams defeated Gulf Coast's Jennifer McQuire 6-0, 6-1; MCC's Megan Chivas beat Jones' Amanda Bush 6-1, 6-1; Hinds' Ashley Manuel knocked off ECCC's Brandie Bounds 6-0, 6-0; and Itawamba's Caitlin McClarty bested Holmes' Angela Ramage 6-1, 6-3. Bounds defeated Pearl River's Tannia McAtee 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 and Ramage knocked off Southwest's Courtney Turnage 6-3, 6-1 in first-round play.

In No. 3 singles quarterfinals, MCC's Amanda Carden beat Itawamba's Cecil Crane 6-0, 6-1; Co-Lin's Bethany Barr defeated ECCC's Katie Bourland 6-2, 6-2; Jones' Stephanie Stringer knocked off Hinds' Chauvarti Washington 7-5, 6-3; and Pearl River's Leslie Miller beat Gulf Coast's Krissy Gattis 6-1, 6-0. In the only first round match, Crane defeated Southwest's Jessica Jackson 6-2, 6-0.

In No. 4 singles quarterfinals, MCC's Anna Bailey beat Pearl River's Tonya Newton 6-0, 6-3; Hinds' Cassie Powell defeated ECCC's Carrie Shrock 6-3, 6-2; Itawamba's Marlena White beat Jones' Andrea Austin 6-0, 7-5; and Co-Lin's Jessica Phillips beat Gulf Coast's Sarah Logan 6-1, 6-1. In the only first round match, White beat Southwest's Jovan Hughey 6-0, 6-0.

In No. 5 singles quarterfinals, ECCC's Nikki Tullos defeated Jones' Jodie Dilmore 4-6, 7-5, 6-0; Pearl River's Amy Alton beat Southwest's Heather Morgan 6-1, 6-0; Co-Lin's Kim McBride knocked off MCC's Casie Joyner 6-3, 7-6; and Itawamba's Nikki Crane defeated Hinds' Bridgett Brooks 6-0, 6-2.

In No. 6 singles quarterfinal action, Itawamba's Kristen Cother beat Jones' Brianna Spell 6-4, 6-2. Co-Lin's Ashley Matthews, Pearl River's Ashley Ponder, and MCC's Jill Hathorn drew byes to the semifinal round.

In No. 1 doubles quarterfinal play, Co-Lin's Adams and Lindsey Phillips defeated Southwest 6-1, 6-1. In opening-round matches, Pearl River's McCombs and McAtee bested ECCC's Bounds and Tijerina 6-4, 6-7, 6-1 and Hinds' Winkler and Manuel beat Gulf Coast's Garvey and McQuire 6-3, 6-1.

In No. 2 doubles, Pearl River's Miller and Newton advanced to the semifinals with a 6-1, 6-0 quarterfinal win over Gulf Coast's Logan and Gattis. Powell and Washington of Hinds defeated Southwest 6-0, 6-0. In first-round action, Itawamba's White and Cecil Crane defeated ECCC's Shrock and Bourland 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

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MACJC State/NJCAA Region 23 Division II Women's Tennis Tournament at Northeast Tennis Center

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Itawamba	10
Meridian	9
Hinds	7
Pearl River	6
Jones	4
East Central	3
Holmes	1
Miss. Gulf Coast	0
Southwest	0

East Central holding softball tryouts

DECATUR— East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team Monday, May 6 at the ECCC Softball Complex.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Lunch will be served at noon. At 12:45 p.m. a campus tour and question-and-answer session will be held. Tryouts begin at 2 :30 p.m.

For more information contact ECCC head softball coach Mike Anderson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur 39327, or call 635-2111m ext. 301, or call toll free (877)462-3222, ext. 301.

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ECCC to Hold Softball tryouts

East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team Monday, May 3 at the ECCC softball complex. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Lunch will be served at noon. At 12:45 p.m. a campus tour and question-and-answer session will be held. Tryouts begin at 2 :30 p.m. For more information contact ECCC head softball coach Mike Anderson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur 39327, or call 635-2111, estnsion 301 or call toll free (877)-462-3222, ext. 301

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Copiah-Lincoln wins state, region JUCO tennis titles

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Depth is important in any sport. Tennis is no exception.

Copiah-Lincoln captured first place in both the MACJC State and NJCAA Region 23 Women's Tennis Tournaments held at Northeast Tennis Center this weekend.

The three-day event wrapped up Sunday with Co-Lin's Lady Wolves having 33 points. Meridian was second with 25 followed by Itawamba with 18. Completing the 10-team field were Hinds and Pearl River with eight points each, Jones with six, East Central with four, and Holmes with one. Gulf Coast and Southwest did not win an event.

MCC took championships in No. 1 and No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles. Co-Lin claimed the other six events to capture the team championship.

Co-Lin's success was no surprise. The Lady Wolves were 17-0 in dual matches heading into the tournament.

"We were hoping to do well because at the state tournament, there are so many things," said Co-Lin's Brenda Smith, who was named Coach of the Year. "You get nerves and you never know if your seeding is going to go through. The seeded here was on the nose because everyone that was seeded No. 1 won."

Both Co-Lin and MCC will go to the NJCAA national tournament at College Station, Texas, on May 2.

"This is our fifth year in a row to go," Smith said. "It's been in Arizona and we're glad to go to Texas so we won't have to fly. It'll be a new atmosphere. Arizona was over 100 degrees every day last year and that's awfully

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JUST THE FACTS

MACJC State/NJCAA Region 23 Tennis Tournament at Northeast Tennis Center

Final Results

Copiah-Lincoln	33
Meridian	25
Itawamba	18
Hinds	8
Pearl River	8
Jones	6
East Central	4
Holmes	1
Gulf Coast	0

Co-Lin

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harsh. Being at College Station is going to be good for the Mississippi schools because it will be like our environment and be a little more player friendly for us."

Co-Lin entered Sunday's play with a 27-22 lead over MCC and outscored the Lady Eagles 6-3 in the championship matches. Co-Lin placed in all nine finals matches, while MCC was only in six.

In No. 1 singles, MCC's Charlotte Heidelberg defeated Co-Lin's Lindsey Phillips 6-4, 6-3.

In No. 2 singles, MCC's Megan Chivas bested Co-Lin's Hollie Adams 6-2, 6-1. In No. 3 singles, Co-Lin's Bethany Barr beat Pearl River's Leslie Miller 6-3, 6-1.

In No. 4 singles, Co-Lin's Jessica Phillips defeated MCC's Anna Bailey 6-1, 6-2. In No. 5 singles, Co-Lin's Kim McBride beat Itawamba's Nikki Crane 6-2, 6-3.

In No. 6 singles, Co-Lin's Ashley Matthews defeated MCC's Jill Hathorn 6-1, 6-0.

Co-Lin also won two of the three doubles championships.

MCC's Heidelberg and Chivas beat Co-Lin's Phillips and Adams in the No. 1 doubles 7-6, 7-6.

In No. 2 doubles, Co-Lin's Phillips and Barr beat MCC's Bailey and Amanda Carden 6-4, 6-4.

In No. 3 doubles, Co-Lin's McBride and Matthews defeated Itawamba's Nikki Crane and Kristen Cother 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

"We've have loved to have won it and with a few a few breaks, it could have gone either way," MCC coach Wanda McPhail said. "Co-Lin has a tremendous team and they're just strong from top to bottom. We would have had to have gotten some very lucky breaks. It would have had to have been like the parting of the Red Sea, but I'm real proud of all of them.

"I'm extremely proud of my girls at the top spots. They had some tough matches today and pulled them out. They've been successful there all year. Charlotte went into the tournament with a 16-1 record and Megan came in 14-3. Their doubles team was 14-3.

"They did what they're supposed to do and the other girls did their job and added points up and kept us in it. Because of their efforts through the bottom, we came up with a No. 2 and a chance to go to the national tournament.

"A chance to go to the nationals is just icing on the cake. If I'm correct, MCC last went as a team in 1992. We're just very, very excited."

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ECCC Tennis Awards

These members of the East Central Community College tennis team received awards following the 2002 season. From left are Nikki Tullos of Philadelphia, most improved; Tori Tijerina of Newton, Lady Warrior Award; Chad Austin of Forest, most improved; and Blake Revette of Newton, Warrior Award.

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